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\$332.3M SAVING 'ONLY ON PAPER'

TORONTO (CP)—A government saving of \$332.3 million announced last Thursday by Jean Chretien, president of the treasury board, existed only "on paper" and involved a loan "that wasn't going to be made anyway," according to The Globe and Mail.

The front-page story by Ottawa correspondent William Johnson recalled that in Chretien's Commons speech on over-all government expenditure reductions, he listed as the largest single cut a reduction of \$332.3 million in direct government financing to Canadian National Railways.

"But CN officials have never heard of the \$332.3 million that Chretien promised the government will not lend them," the story adds.

It quotes David Todd, CN manager of news services, as saying that only once in the last 15 years has the government lent money to CN. That was a \$15-million loan earlier this year. Todd added that CN plans to raise next year's money on its own, without turning to the government for a loan. "In keeping with the philosophy of CN president R. A. Borden."

Neither Chretien nor Todd were available Tuesday night for comment on the report.

Key Aides Named By Soecred Cabinet

19-Vote Recount For Dave

A judicial recount was requested today in the Coquitlam riding where Soecred George Kerster defeated former Premier Dave Barrett by 19 votes.

Barrett said this morning he was advised by a party official that a recount should be sought and he planned to put forward the formal request sometime today.

Final count in Coquitlam was completed Tuesday and cut Barrett's margin of defeat to 19 votes. On election night Barrett trailed by 167 and a recount trimmed that loss to 131.

The final standings gave Kerster 18,660; Barrett 18,641; Liberal Tom Osborne 1,655; Independent Bernard Stoele 95; Independent Larry Johnson 74; Communist Christine Beynon 62; and Alan Levinson, North American Labor Party, 17.

Barrett said he didn't know how long the recount would take but he hoped it would happen as quickly as possible.

He told reporters at his home that he's made no other plans regarding his future. If the recount doesn't change the result of the vote, Barrett and the NDP will face a decision of whether to run him in a byelection or whether to have a leadership race.

Indications are that the party is split on the future of Barrett's leadership.

But today the former premier said only that he hopes to enjoy uninterrupted Christmas holidays with his family.

He said he's catching up on his chores "like cleaning the See VOTE, Page 2

Former Social Credit cabinet minister Dan Campbell has been appointed director of the new inter-government relations branch with a salary of \$36,432.

The new branch, which will operate within the premier's office, was promised by the Soecreds during the election campaign and created by cabinet orders this week.

The order was among the first batch of official cabinet decisions and allows for the appointment of eight people.

Carol Kemery, a former secretary to the Soecred caucus will be administrative assistant to the inter-government relations branch and will receive a salary of \$16,500.

The branch will hire a \$31,000 senior officer as well as secretaries and research personnel.

The first round of executive assistant appointments also includes in the cabinet orders today and they include:

—William Tony Tozer, as executive assistant to the premier at \$36,432; Tozer's

brother is married to Bennett's sister, Anita;

—Sheila Cropper as administrative assistant to the premier at \$19,000;

—Glen Mitchell as research assistant to the Soecred caucus at \$14,000;

—Jim Bennett (no relation to the premier) as executive assistant to Education Minister Pat McGee at \$19,500;

—Doug Strongliam as executive assistant to Attorney General Garde Gardom.

Cabinet also rescinded all the directorships held by NDP cabinet ministers and appointed Soecred ministers to the various Crown corporation boards.

Ministers were officially given their portfolios by cabinet order and the new minister of environment was assigned a long list of acts which he will administer.

NEXT PAPER ON SATURDAY

The Times will not publish Christmas Day or Boxing Day. The next publishing day will be Saturday.

ANGOLA WARNING BY U.S.

Detente in Danger

Times News Services

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is warning Russia and Cuba to get out of Angola or face U.S. resistance and possibly the end of detente.

But at a news conference Tuesday, Kissinger — who was largely responsible for creating better U.S. relations with both Moscow and Havana — left to speculation what he meant by resistance and the future of detente.

"Unless the Soviet Union shows restraint in its foreign policy actions, the situation in

our relationship is bound to become more tense," he said. "And there is no question the United States will not accept Soviet military expansion of any kind."

"If the Soviet Union continues action such as Angola we will, without any question, resist."

He did not elaborate, but made it clear he was not talking about the use of U.S. troops.

The Soviets are backing one of three factions in a civil war with military and financial aid, and Cuba has sent several thousand troops. The United States secretly funneled an estimated \$60 million to the other two factions.

As for detente with Russia, Kissinger said, "there is no question our over-all relationship will suffer if we do not find an adequate solution to the Angolan problem. Where I will suffer and in what ways I am not prepared to say."

But he hinted that his trip to Moscow next month to talk about a second-stage arms limitation agreement may be in jeopardy.

On Cuba, Kissinger said the United States "will not continue the process of normalization (of relations) until all Cuban forces return to Cuba."

He denied the concern of U.S. Congress that approving "trivial sums... we are talking about tens of millions of dollars" will lead to a Vietnam situation which cost \$150 billion and the commitment of 500,000 U.S. troops.

He said all the United States wants in Angola is withdrawal of all outside forces — Soviet, Cuban and South African — and has no objection to the Soviet-backed popular movement for the liberation of Angola "as long as it is an African organization."

"The issue is not whether the country of Angola represents a vital interest to the United States," he said. "The issue is whether the Soviet Union, backed by a Cuban expeditionary force, can impose on two-thirds of the population (of Angola) its own brand of government."



WHITE CHRISTMAS will be enjoyed by these to-bogganers in Ottawa but Victorians are in for a wet Christmas. The weather office predicts Christ-

mas Day will begin with showers with the sun breaking through at intervals during the afternoon. Boxing Day will be mild.

Mair Wants Big B.C. Deficit Charge Extension 'Misleading'—Eliesen

OTTAWA (CP) — British Columbia's new Social Credit consumer services minister says he will recommend that the provincial government continue a price freeze on food, except produce, and most essential goods and services until Feb. 15.

The figures were presented Tuesday by Bill Stow, third senior man in the finance department.

Eliesen said he would make no personal comments about Stow or his motives for making a lengthy financial statement to the press but added that his lawyer is looking into comments Stow made about him.

New Finance Minister Evan Wolfe said today Stow's ac-

Former NDP cabinet planning adviser Marc Eliesen said Tuesday allegations by a civil servant that B.C. will have a \$324.3 million deficit are "clearly erroneous and misleading."

Wolfe said "it's obvious that different interpretations could be placed on them (the figures) and that's why we want an independent inquiry."

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tions were "irresponsible" and he has already had a meeting with Deputy Finance Minister Gerry Bryson to discuss the situation.

Wolfe would not comment on whether Stow might be fired or reprimanded for his action and said Bryson would be responsible for making recommendations on how to deal with the matter.

"But I don't like the inference of lack of responsibility by other people in the department... it's not fair because the responsible people are at the political level," he said.

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SANTA JAILED

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Santa Claus was locked up for allegedly trying to take instead of give.

Edwin Towle, 22, a Hare Krishna monk, was charged Tuesday with obtaining money under false pretenses and soliciting in a public place.

San Mateo County sheriff's deputies said Towle, dressed in a Santa Claus outfit, was asking for donations at San Francisco International Airport.

Murdered Diplomat CIA Man

ATHENS (AP) — Greek police put extra guards today on all United States diplomats in Athens following the assassination of a U.S. embassy staff member identified by Washington sources as the chief CIA agent in Greece, sources said.

Richard Welch, slain by gunmen in Athens as he returned home from a Christmas party, was the chief agent for the CIA in Greece, sources said.

Welch had been linked to the CIA by an Athens newspaper as well as by a U.S. publication critical of intelligence activities.

U.S. intelligence officials for months have warned that public disclosures about CIA operations and personnel might lead to drastic consequences.

Three masked gunmen killed Welch in a 30-second assassination Tuesday that police called a "very professional job."

Osmiroid Pen, Health and Time High on Santa's List

Big ones, small ones, plain ones, fancy ones, useful ones, useless ones — we've been frantically buying them for weeks and tonight, if we haven't already done so, we'll be wrapping them in absurdly expensive paper which will soon be ripped to shreds.

They're called Christmas gifts and they're as much a part of this holiday season as the tree, the turkey, carols and all the rest.

Mostly they're exchanged between family members and

close friends, but did you ever wonder what other people would like to receive for Christmas?

The Times did, and decided to find out by calling a number of people, both nationally-known personalities and local residents.

Many of them were already away on vacation and couldn't be contacted, but here are the replies we did receive:

Pierre Berton pondered the question, "I've got eight children and they've been pester-

ing me to find out what I want but I haven't been able to tell them."

"I suppose, I would want good health and a family home — but I've both of those."

Berton reflected, then said: "I guess there is one thing though — a good Osmiroid pen."

What's that? Well, he explained, it's a hard-nibbed pen for italic-style writing. And no, it's not going to be used for another book.

For Victoria Symphony Orchestra maestro Laszlo Gati, a lifelong fascination with sophisticated electric trains would be realized if he found one under the tree this Christmas.

"Along with it, of course, I would like a gift of time to play with it," he says.

This particular wish reflects the mechanical engineering interest that pre-dated his choice of a musical career.

Christmas just happens to be another day in the home of

radio journalist Barbara Frum and her husband. What would she like? "A robot to clean my house... or maybe a pair of waterproof boots."

She's very practical, she said. She hates diamonds. She loathes mink. Fancy cars don't turn her on, either.

The truth is she and her husband don't celebrate Christmas. One reason is they are both Jewish. Another is they think Christmas is too commercial. They never exchange gifts.

"We tried 15 years ago. My husband gave me a slip and I gave him a set of cuff links."

When she discovered what her husband paid for the gift she hit the roof. "It was insanely overpriced." That gave up the Christmas habit then and there.

Jim Pattison, president of Neonex International Ltd., who has just about everything else, says he would like a Great Dane for Christmas.

The dog should be at least three feet high at the shoulder

All I Want for Xmas...

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"What I'd really like is good health in abundance, because I haven't had a terribly good year," he said.

He broke his hip in a fall at PNE Coliseum earlier in the year.

He expects, however, he'll get books. "I can always count on that."

Cliff Dawe's Christmas wish is a simple one: "I'd like the day off."

Dawe works for the B.C. Pilotage Authority and will be on the job from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Day in the pilotage despatch office on Dallas Road.

Peter Newman, editor of Maclean's, normally gets books at Christmas but what he'd really like is "a gift of time... that's time spent with a small 't'."

(In other words, not the U.S. magazine by that name.)

"A new courthouse," exclaimed Dr. J. J. Gow, president of Victoria Bar Association.

Then, more seriously, he said: "an understanding on the part of the incoming attorney-general of the problems of the administration of justice and of the very responsible job the legal profession is doing."

But on a personal level, Dr. Gow said he would like a set

of the English Reports — about 140 volumes of legal cases from the 13th to the 19th centuries "and shockingly expensive."

Provincial carillonneur Herman Bergink would like a rather big "toy" to play with, one which would benefit the entire community: "I would like to have somewhere in lower Vancouver Island a carillon in a park setting free from traffic noise. I'm sure it's not an unrealistic dream."

J. V. Clyne, chairman of the board of MacMillan and Bloedel, wants "an intelligent government in Ottawa."

The reason: he's at a loss to understand the federal anti-inflationary guidelines.

He expects a lot of books and wouldn't mind some golf balls as he intends next year to get back on the links. He's been prevented from playing golf this year because of a broken hip.

"I really don't want much... except perhaps some peace and quiet."

City archivist Ainslie Helmenick is careful not to call his impoverished mini-department the Bob Cratchit of City Hall, or to imply that aldermen are a lot of scrooges.

All the same, his Christmas wish would be for "a sym-

pathetic and understanding city council."

Derrick Mallard, president of the Citizens' Association to Save the Environment, wants to receive for Christmas some assurance that people and governments would make an effort to conserve "our natural resources and our beautiful natural heritage for ourselves, animals, other living things and for the future generation."

"I would include in that an effort to lessen the profit and greed motivation now rampant in society," he says.

Roy Messum, officer in charge of the port office of the federal plant protection division, said he would like to receive a good book on ancient history.

Former Liberal cabinet minister James Sinclair and his wife, parents of Margaret Trudeau, got what they wanted for Christmas three months ago — a new house in West Vancouver.

"All we hope for now," Mrs. Sinclair said, "are good health and happiness to enjoy it."

Their son-in-law, Prime Minister Trudeau, wouldn't return our calls.

But we know one thing he's not going to get this Christmas Day — another baby.

Deficit Claim 'Misleading'

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expenditures likely to be \$3.248 billion and revenues of \$2.893 billion leaving a deficit of \$355 million.

The civil servant then added \$100 million cash advance to ICBC; a \$70 million natural gas tax bill owing Ottawa; and \$55.8 million for unbudgeted transit expenditures, bringing total liabilities to \$561 million. From that he subtracted B.C.'s \$143 million cash surplus; \$35 million owing from B.C. Rail; \$28.8 million owing from the B.C. Harbours Board; and \$30 million likely to be coming from a federal rail agreement, to come up with a \$324 million total deficit.

Ellesen who helped prepare Stupich's statement last week, argued firstly that Stow's expenditure and revenue forecasts are completely out of line.

He said he got monthly expenditure figures directly from each departmental deputy every month and his figures do not jibe with Stow's.

The sales tax figures provided by Stow are an example, said Ellesen, because

they show the returns going up only 10.2 per cent, which would probably be less than inflation.

He said it is not correct to include the \$100 million for ICBC in expenditures since that is only a cash transfer.

It would be like putting the Canadian National Railway deficit in the federal budget, he said, instead of keeping them separate.

The \$70 million owed for gas revenues is not due until the next fiscal year, said Ellesen.

The former NDP adviser, who resigned last week said his lawyer will study Stow's statements about him. Stow implied that Ellesen used the finance figures for political purposes and once referred to him as the "surrogate deputy minister."

Premier Bennett said he would not comment on Stow's statements.

The civil servant said he was releasing the figures because of the new government's announcement an external auditor will go over the books.

Former Premier Barrett said today he was startled at Stow's comments and he be-

lieved there has been "a personal clash."

Asked if he meant between deputy finance minister Gerry Bryson and Stow, Barrett said "no comment. Let's just leave it at that."

He said the new government's decision to bring in an independent auditor as a "straight political move" and follows the pattern of other "Sacred moves."

When the NDP released its financial statement last week, Barrett said he was proud of the NDP's financial record and added that his only regret was that he could justifiably be called a fiscal conservative.

Stow said he didn't want the firm of Clarkson and Gordon to come in and make it look like the finance department didn't know what it was doing when in fact the civil servants knew the real picture but the figures had been used for political purposes.

Deputy finance minister Gerry Bryson, who came under inferred criticism from Stow who talked about "the survivors" who get high salaries in the civil service by keeping quiet, was not available for comment.

Vote Count Alters Odds

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basement" and is discovering "the lot of a husband is not a good one."

Meanwhile, in Vancouver Burrard, the only riding where the lead changed since election night, NDP MLA Rosemary Brown and former human resources minister Norm Levi were declared elected Tuesday night.

The official count also con-

firmed that Eileen Dailly, 49, the former education minister, had defeated Social Credit candidate Cliff Oswald in Burnaby North.

In Esquimalt, Frank Mitchell gained 52 votes from his election night loss to Lytle Kahl of Social Credit, but decided the official 121-vote margin would be too much to overcome in a judicial recount.

In Comox, Karen Sanford of the NDP saw her election-night lead increase over Dan Hanuse of Social Credit to 456 votes from 357.

In Burnaby-Edmonds, Gordon Dowling, speaker in the last legislature and who had the longest continuous service of any MLA before last election, gained on undertaker Ray Loewen of Social Credit, but was still 443 votes behind.

the weather

Overnight saw mainly overcast skies with steady rain and gale force winds along the coast and periods of snow in the interior of the province. Some letup in the precipitation is expected in most areas today as the associated frontal disturbance moves eastwards out of the province by this evening. Another similar disturbance will reach the coast tonight repeating much of the same weather conditions overnight along the coast and interior B.C. Christmas Day. Both daytime and overnight temperatures will continue on the mild side for most areas.

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East Coast Vancouver Island, Greater Victoria: Gale warning in effect for Georgia Strait. Cloudy with showers turning to steady rain tonight. Windy at times. Christmas Day cloudy with showers. Sunny periods in the afternoon. Windy at times. High both days near 7. Lows overnight near 5.

Lower Mainland: Gale warning in effect for adjacent waters. Periods of rain changing to showers. Steady rain beginning tonight. Christmas Day cloudy with showers. Windy at times. High both days near 7. Lows overnight 3.

North and West Vancouver Island: Gale warning in effect for adjacent waters. Cloudy with showers becoming steady rain tonight. Windy. Christmas Day cloudy with showers and windy at times. High both days near 9 coast-

al areas and 5 elsewhere. Lows overnight near 7 coastal areas and near 3 inland.

TEMPERATURES
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Victoria 7 6 8.5
Normal 8 4 —

One Year Ago

Victoria 5 0 —

ACROSS THE CONTINENT

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Halifax 3 -13 1.5

Fredericton -4 -22 5.3

Charlottetown -1 -18 7.6

Ottawa -7 -25 —

Montreal -7 -21 —

Toronto -3 -25 —

North Bay -8 -25 —

Churchill -23 -28 —

The Pas -8 -20 1.0

Kenora -9 -9 .3

Winnipeg -6 -10 —

Brandon -9 -18 —

Regina -4 -14 —

Medicine Hat 1 -8 —

Lethbridge 5 -1 —

Calgary 4 -2 —

Edmonton -1 -11 —

Revelstoke -2 -3 7.1

Vancouver 5 3 16.3

Prince Rupert 10 7 21.6

Terrace 2 0 25.9

Port Hardy 7 6 31.0

Tofino 9 7 60.7

Comox 7 6 18.0

Prince George 1 -3 3.0

Williams Lake 1 -1 2.5

Kamloops 2 0 6.9

Whitehorse -2 -5 3.3

Fort Nelson -16 -21 2.0

Fort St. John 1 -3 1.5

Peace River -1 -10 —

Yellowknife -11 -31 2.0

World Temperatures:

Amsterdam 2, 7; Athens 5, 15;

Bangkok 17, 26; Beirut 7, 14;

Berlin 5, 6; Brussels 4, 9;

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Frankfurt 2, 4; Geneva -2, 1;

Helsinki -10, -5;

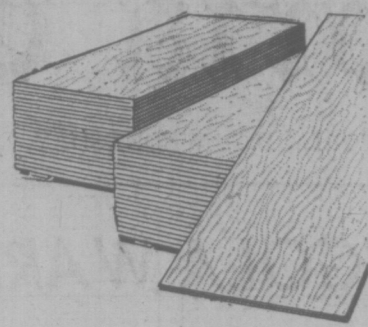
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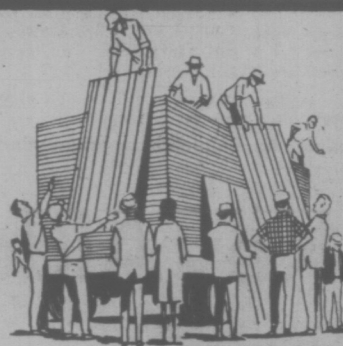
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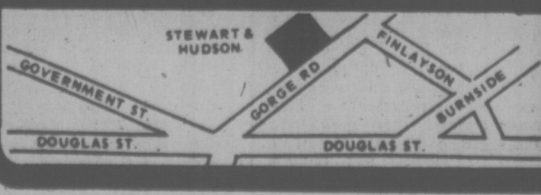
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DRAIN HAZARD RAISES STORM

Sidney fireman Chris Benson of 10431 Resthaven Drive went to the Town Hall today to raise a storm about a storm drain.

He also took his wife, Lyn, to Rest Haven Hospital to have her badly bruised leg X-rayed.

Benson's troubles began Tuesday when his wife tried to step into his car after shopping at a Sidney butcher shop.

She stepped into a storm drain instead.

"I jumped out and there she was ... stuck," he said.

He ran to the firehall, rallied a couple of his mates and a power saw and freed his wife.

Mrs. Benson apparently escaped with a badly bruised — but unbroken leg. Her suede coat also got dirty, he said.

One of the slats in the drain grid was missing, Benson said an older woman "probably would have broken her leg."



THE RED BARON and Billy Bishop combined couldn't compete with the flights of fancy a youngster can take as he browses through the toys de-

partment and ponders whether his mother really would appreciate a model jet plane for Christmas.

MD Sued for \$20,000

VANCOUVER (CP) — A woman who travelled from West Germany to Victoria in 1972 for an operation to treat migraine headaches has been awarded \$20,000 in Supreme Court after the operation caused permanent loss of her sense of smell and partial loss of taste.

Mr. Justice Vitor Dryer held Tuesday that Dr. Norman Cook of Victoria gave Mrs. Karin Koehler assurance in connection with the possible risk involved in the operation that he was not in a position to give.

He said that Mrs. Koehler

would have refused to take the operation had she been aware of the risk involved.

Mrs. Koehler and her husband Otto Adolf Koehler, from Wiesbaden, West Germany, both were operated on by Dr. Cook, but only Mrs. Koehler suffered the sensory impairment.

WOMAN KILLED IN SIDNEY

A 77-year-old Bellingham woman was killed while crossing the Pat Bay Highway in Sidney, the third person to die Tuesday in traffic mishaps on Vancouver Island.

Sidney RCMP said Dorothy Edris Hansen died instantly at about 5:25 p.m. after being hit by a car driven by Caroline Ongman, 28, of Acland Road.

A police spokesman said Mrs. Hansen was apparently walking across the highway about a quarter mile north of Beacon.

He said the elderly woman was visiting friends in Sidney over Christmas.

It was the second road fatality in Sidney this year, the spokesman said.

Two Lake Cowichan men died when a car travelling west on Meade Road, two-and-a-half miles from Lake Cowichan went off the road and struck a tree at about 1:30 p.m.

Police identified one of the victims as John Brian Flower, 20, a passenger in the car.

The name of the 21-year-old driver is being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

North Island Television To Improve

Northern Vancouver Island residents will soon have improved reception of CBC television because of new arrangements made between CBC and B.C. Tel for relaying of television services.

The plans call for the Campbell River signal to be picked up at Newcastle Ridge and a microwave distribution system to be used to CBC transmitter sites at Alert Bay, Port Hardy and Woss Mountain Camp.

North Island residents have been battling for years to get improved TV reception.

Build Atomic Clock

HONG KONG (Reuters) — Chinese scientists have made the country's first rubidium atomic clock, a precision timepiece for scientific work, the New China news agency said Tuesday. Researchers at Shanghai spent over five years developing the clock.

Expert Hired on ICBC Rates

An actuarial consultant has been hired by ICBC to recommend new premium rates which would make Autoplan self-supporting.

Vancouver consultant Byron Straight will examine the automobile insurance rate increases proposed for next year under the NDP government to see if they are adequate. Those increases started at about 19 per cent.

He must report by next Monday on a premium structure which would ensure there is no insurance deficit in the future and also on premiums that would be required over a long period to retire the current ICBC deficit.

Education Minister Pat McGeer, who was appointed president and chairman of the board of ICBC by cabinet Tuesday, said Straight's recommendations will go to the

board of ICBC and to cabinet. He would not commit the government to following the recommendations which would likely mean substantial increases in premiums.

McGeer said he has learned ICBC was budgeting for a \$148 million loss this year. The Autoplan section of the corporation already suffered a \$34 million loss last year.

Capital costs of \$39.3 million have also been accumulated during the corporation's two years of operations, said McGeer.

As well as appointing McGeer president of ICBC, the cabinet made Attorney-General Garde Gardom a director of the ICBC board and reappointed Norman Bortnick as executive vice-

president and general manager.

Cabinet also gave the corporation authority to borrow up to \$40 million on a short-term basis to carry on until next year's premiums start rolling in.

McGeer said the corporation will first get a \$15 million loan and hopes it will not have to borrow more than \$30 million.

The three-man board is simply an interim measure, said McGeer, and new members will be appointed later.

He confirmed, however, that Bortnick, who was appointed by the NDP to start up the corporation, will stay on with the new government.

The former directors were Bortnick, former health min-

ister Dennis Cooke, former provincial secretary Ernie Hall, J. F. Corsbie, E. M. Korbin and P. A. Lusztig.

McGeer said he appreciated the work done by the former directors but said new members will reflect a specialized knowledge of the insurance field and will see the corporation is run in a businesslike manner.

Politics will be kept out of ICBC, he said, but he wouldn't confirm that cabinet ministers will eventually be removed from the board.

Most of the \$148 million or more deficit is unpaid claims, said McGeer.

No money had been advanced the corporation by the former government, he said, but \$12 million in bonds was

sold to government as a form of financing.

McGeer said shortly after he was sworn in as a minister that private companies will be allowed to compete with ICBC but there is not time for them to come in this year. He said a study would be conducted to find the effects of private competition on the Crown corporation.

ARENA PLAN APPROVED

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco board of supervisors has given its approval for a non-profit corporation to raise \$20 million for an 18,000-seat sport arena in the downtown Yerba Buena area.

capital scene

The Christmas Story, Nativity Pageant and Candlelighting Service will be presented tonight at 11 at Metropolitan United Church, 1411 Quadra St.

A musical film, Give the Dog a Bone, will be shown at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at St. George's church hall.

Cain's Sentences Total Nine Years

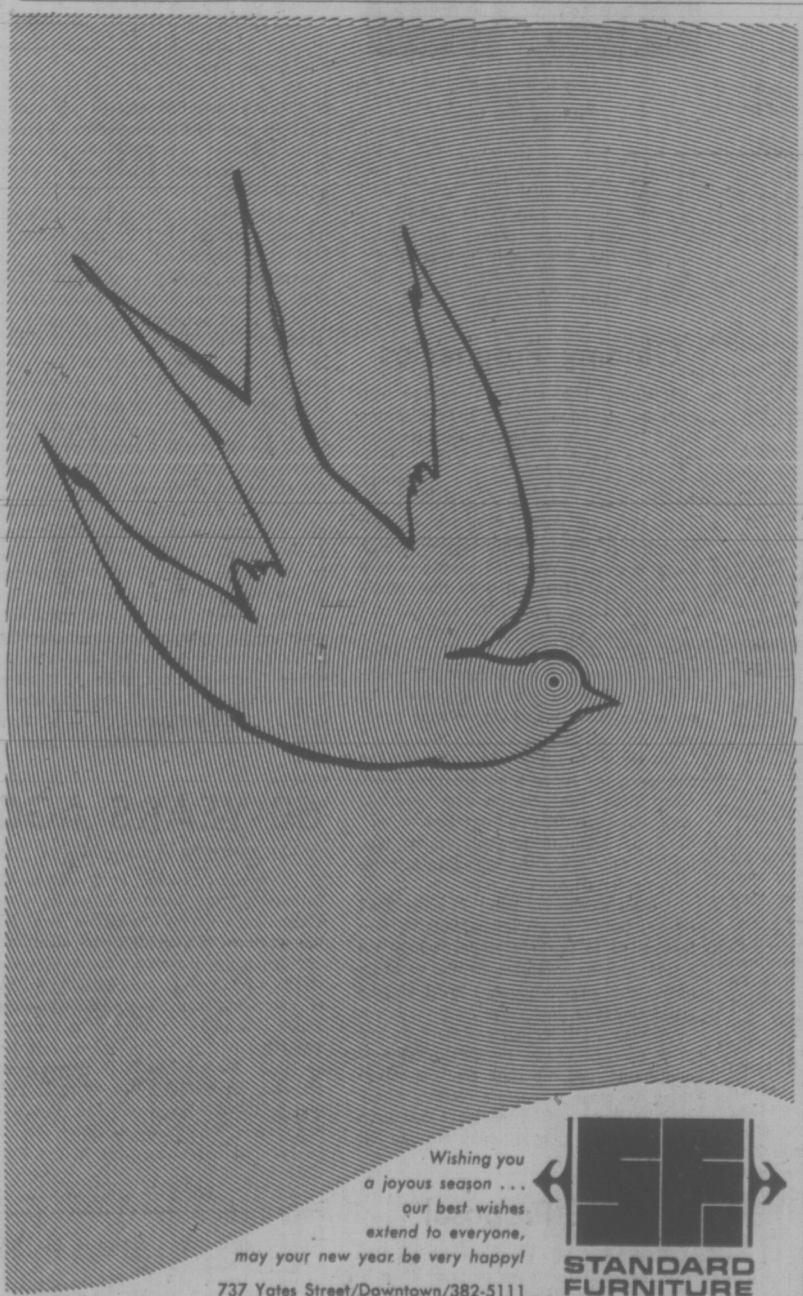
The net effect of sentences handed out Monday in county court against Daniel Bradley Cain, 20, is nine years in penitentiary, court officials said Tuesday.

Some confusion arose at first because, in the 13-count indictment to which Cain had pleaded guilty, some of the sentences were concurrent while others were consecutive.

The indictment included

four armed robberies, three escapes from custody plus one each of being unlawfully at large, car theft, criminal negligence in the operation of a car, being unlawfully in a dwelling house, unlawful confinement and possession of an unregistered restricted weapon.

Defence counsel Mike Hutchison said he is "seriously considering" an appeal against the sentence.



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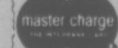
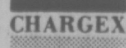


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Following the Light

On this night of nights in the Christian calendar it is easy to dwell on the failures of Western man these past 1,975 years. Wars, pestilence, starvation and hate flourish as never before. Not because man has become any worse. It's just that technology and numbers have combined to give us a grimmer picture of ourselves than any resident of Bethlehem could have envisioned so long ago.

Despite these problems, man is still trying to overcome the baser side of his nature through religion, international organizations, foreign aid, cultural exchanges and a host of other mediums. The isolated resident of Bethlehem in the year one probably knew little beyond his own family or clan. Today he can bring the world into his home and fine tune it to a

sharp focus. But who is better off in the spiritual sense, ancient or modern man? Any answer would depend on prejudices. Yet the very durability of the true meaning of Christmas is evidence of a noble thread stretching nearly 2,000 years into the past. We pursue the ideal even though the problems are more complex.

Although man no longer conducts commercial activities in his churches or synagogues, anyone who tried to upset the tables of the latter day "money-changers" would be in deep trouble with the law. According to the gospel of Matthew, Jesus rode into Jerusalem and castigated the money-changers to the applause of priests and scribes alike. Church and state have gone their separate ways now. A venerable body of law protects us from modern abuses, in

theory. Times change but the same problems of justice and morality remain with us.

Even for the non-religious, Christmas is a time to pause, reflect and remember times of warmth. In truth it is a sentimental, nostalgic time of year, in a world that turns increasingly faster without pause or much compassion for individual needs. If everything else were lost, the compassion of Christmas would still be a great gift to humanity. No reason for despair or cynicism exists. No weapon has been devised that can kill an idea. Peace and goodwill towards all is enshrined in most religious faiths and will remain in men's minds long after weapons are relics from a darker age. We can only keep moving inexorably towards the light that must be there.



Snowfall of 1968 — What it was like in Cowichan area

letters

Victoria High School

May I, through the letters column of your publication, make an appeal to all former students and staff of Victoria High School in Victoria, B.C.

In 1976, Victoria High School, the oldest Canadian public high school west of the Great Lakes, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its establishment. A committee has been formed to plan suitable centennial celebrations, and we are now attempting to locate all who attended VHS, either as a student or a member of the staff.

Celebrations will begin early in the new year and continue through to the end of the school term.

Many events are being planned for the Homecoming Weekend, May 7, 8 and 9. A registration fee of \$3 is to be charged for this weekend, entitling those who register to attend events at the school on May 8, and a garden party on May 9. They will also receive full information on other celebrations, although an additional admission fee may have to be charged for some of these.

Anyone eligible to register should write to P.O. Box 1976, Victoria, B.C., for further information, or send their registration fee now, along with their name, maiden name if applicable, address and dates of attendance at Vic. High.

Former students and staff who read this are urged to register now, and help the committee by passing on news of the celebrations to others they know who are eligible to take part.—L. J. Wallace, General Chairman, Victoria High School Centennial Celebrations Committee

Local Soloists

With the knowledge that the Victoria Symphony is often enduring financial difficulties it seems amazing to note that the recent production of the Messiah, with the Victoria Choral Society, did not use local soloists.

While no criticism is intended of the performing soloists, it seems obvious that local soloists would have been more economical without seriously jeopardizing the artistic performance.—M. C. M. White, 1427 Oliver Street.

Council Salaries

Your editorial of Dec. 18 (How Soon They Forget) did not pass unnoticed, and it has prompted me to write to you to offer not only an explanation, but also something to look forward to.

Firstly, if your reporters listened to my campaign speeches during the four all-candidates meetings last month, they would have heard me say: "While we have adopted a hold the line policy in 1975, I feel strongly that Council should receive an increase in 1976, provided it is within the Federal Government Wage and Price Restraint Programme." Surely, this tidbit of information was passed along to you, together with the comment that "he was the only one who spoke about salaries, allowances and the like, because he was the only one who created the initiative early in 1975 to hold the line as a shining example to others."

Well — some example? CUPE has skinned us alive in 1975, exempt staff were granted the highest wage adjustment in history, the police settlement was frankly beyond all reason, and now, to top it off, our neighbouring municipalities, our comrades at arms, specifically the Victoria and Oak Bay Councils grant themselves a much higher increase than Saanich Council would ever allow. So what you say? Their actions should not thwart your resolve! Hold the line, despite the odds, you'll get your reward! Okay, but here are some facts that you might find of interest. Saanich put up more housing units, installed more sewer pipe, paved more streets than any other municipality on Vancouver Island. This not only amounts to a hell of a lot of work for your Council, but also demands we attract and keep the best people we can on our Council. How do you accomplish this and still keep one of the lowest per capita administrative costs in the Province? Frankly you don't! If you are going to keep good people you pay them a reasonable salary and that is all we are being paid in Saanich.

While I admit the timing was lousy coming as it did just after the referendum defeat, following the election and prior to the New Year, I do not think that a \$49 per month increase is out of line, neither with the Federal guidelines nor with our neighbouring municipalities. As far as the retroactive nature of the increase is concerned, here's the surprise. There is no possible way that I, nor I feel sure, my colleagues on Council would agree to another increase during our 1976 budget debate upcoming in the next few months. Nor is there any way that a further retroactive adjustment would be put through — at least not if I have anything to do about it. Consequently, I feel a good compromise has been reached. Compensation for the council who denied themselves during all those frustrating months of rising costs



JOE BOURQUE
... timing was lousy

during 1975, and compensation to the ratepayers who will benefit from a one time increase for two years of work — and at post-guideline rates! Hypocrisy personified? I call it good forward planning. How about you? — J. S. T. Bourque, alderman.

Gloomy Prophecies

I wonder how much longer you will continue publishing letters from disgruntled NDP supporters with their prophecies of gloom now that their NDP government has been so soundly beaten in the election.

Despite all their protestations and poor efforts to belittle the Sacred victory the fact remains that the people of this province are disgusted with the ridiculous salary demands of the unions, provincial civil servants, teachers, B.C. Rail, B.C. Hydro, etc., and have used their democratic vote to elect a government which will try to bring back order out of the chaos for which we were heading.

Surely we in this blessed province are not going to support people like Rosemary Brown and others, who preached such a doctrine that no one had a right to own land, presumably their own homes. This is getting too close to communism for comfort.

Dennis Cocke did bring in some good things, but it was obvious that he was leading us to medical clinics, where we would just be attended by the staff on duty, thus eliminating our right of personal choice in doctors.

If your NDP supporters want to live in a country where personal choice is eliminated, and the state controls everything, let them move to a country where such conditions exist, but leave our province alone. — Don Mitchell, 833 Burdett Avenue.

Tax Proposal

Regarding Mr. Bennett's proposal to pay the property taxes of more than 90 per cent of the senior citizens over the age of 65 in British Columbia, I wonder whether it is realistic. Anyone who has recently spent some time in Montreal or

Toronto cannot help but be aware that a large number of the people approaching retirement age are planning to retire in Victoria or Vancouver. Similarly in speaking to "Victorians" one becomes quickly aware that a very large number came here to retire from elsewhere.

And that many of these were under the impression that Mincome meant minimal pension before coming here. Is it reasonable to ask the British Columbians of working age to pay the taxes of so many people who came here to retire? Can we really afford the burden? Should not the burden fall on the community from where they came? Is it that the taxpayer, who him or herself cannot afford any property in addition to the one who can, responsible for ensuring that the senior citizen with property, from whatever part of Canada or the world they may have come, has something to will to their offspring? A similar argument can be put forth for extended care. Can the working population afford to build the facilities for such a large percentage of senior citizens from outside of B.C. without any assurance that the Federal government will pick up any of the tab? If we do then we will probably have every other citizen of Canada retiring here. The Conservatives seemed to have a more realistic solution — A Conservative.

Docile Voters

After reading your Dec. 20 editorial Another Opening, Another Show and reading of the other hypocrisy being committed by the Liberal government I felt inclined to give up but this is just what our leaders want. As anticipated, the burden of fighting inflation will be carried by the less fortunate.

The Liberal government had the gall to push through just before the Christmas recess the following:

An increase in the tax-free allowances of MPs and senators of \$700 per annum for MPs and \$300 for senators. I would point out that our MPs and senators received substantial salary and tax free allowances this year.

A substantial increase in the already inflated pensions of MPs and senators. Under new legislation an MP will receive a pension of \$15,000 — up from \$13,500 after 25 years of parliamentary service. I would point out that such pensions are completely out of line with pensions paid by so-called "free enterprise" corporations. I worked for some 23 years with a first-class and very generous multi-national corporation in Latin America and I can assure you that my pension is not \$15,000 although the corporation in question made lots of money.

However those who can ill afford the axe will receive the burden of the measures against inflation such as the family allowances and the other minor programs which will just create more unemployment. However this is apparently what the people want and I feel sure that if an election was called tomorrow the docile voter would return the Liberals as they recently returned the Socreds in B.C. I despair for the future. — M. P. B. Wrixon, 301-1701 Cedar Hill X Road.

60 YEARS AGO

From the Times of December 24, 1915

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock the Salvation Army band will go its usual Christmas morning round to serenade the various big institutions about the city. Many people have come to look forward with great anticipation to the cheery sound in the early hours of a day which is usually so quiet in the streets. The band will travel by motor cars lent specially for the occasion. Among the places to be visited by the 30-piece band will be the Rockland and Oak Bay avenue districts, both city hospitals and old people's homes and points in the Fairfield district.

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Presents for the Politicians

Stumped on what to get for your local MLA, member of parliament or alderman? Here's some last-minute gift suggestions for the politicians:

For Prime Minister Trudeau, Finance Minister Donald Macdonald and assorted anti-inflation crusaders — a deep freeze that works.

For outgoing Mayor Peter Pollen — a Dale Carnegie course on how to win friends and influence people. (Skip to the part about how to get nominated to higher office, your worship.)

For new Finance Minister Evan Wolfe and his motley crew of finance department wizards — pocket

calculators all round, the kind with at least eight zeros, to tot up the deficit they all gleefully predict. (Break open a few cases of red ink, too, Santa.)

For Saanich chief magistrate Ed Lum, Oak Bay mayor Brian Smith and their various partners in municipal politics on the two councils — new and bigger wallets to pack home all that extra pay.

For ex-premier Dave Barrett — a new briefcase and his old desk back at the John Howard society (where he was known as "Mother" Barrett, according to Norman Levi, in one of the stranger revelations of the election campaign.)

For John de Wolfe — just a briefcase that locks.

For Flora MacDonald, Claude Wagner, John Fraser, Sinclair Stevens, Howard Graffey, Joe Clark, Jack Horner, Paul Yewchuk, Jim Gillies, Brian Mulroney, Jake Epp, Angus Campbell, Jim Watson, Joe Zappia, Winnet Boyd and R. C. Quittenton (there may be more names by the Dec. 31 deadline) — the charisma of John Diefenbaker, the political skills of John A. MacDonald, and 1351 committed delegates at the Tory leadership convention.

Merry Christmas one and all.

ROB BULL

Mirabel—An Expensive Blunder

MONTREAL — There is nothing all that wrong with our newest international airport, Mirabel, if that is as far as you want to go. It is, perhaps, a little uglier than some of this country's airports and appears to have been designed by the same people who gave us Toronto's terminal two.

There are similar rough concrete interiors, glass expanses, uncomfortable seating arrangements and an interior decorating scheme that uses the sort of plastic and chrome they were putting into modish decotheques as recently as five years ago.

The architects have managed to remove one of the few modest pleasures an airport can give, the chance for visitors to watch aircraft land and take off.

What is offered instead is the spectacle of the lineups of incoming passengers awaiting Canadian immigration and customs proceedings, searching for baggage or coping with tired and cranky children. At night, people are too far from the windows to look out at the runways.

But it is only when the passengers leave the terminal, particularly during the winter weather that affects Montreal for a good part of the year, that they realize what a blunder the federal ministry of transport made in placing the airport where it is.

Threatens Park

Passengers can get into Montreal, or even to Ottawa where so many ministries of transport officials live, within a reasonably short period of time by road, as long as the weather is good.

Passengers who have to transfer from a transatlantic flight at Mirabel to anywhere else in minimum three-hour struggles between Mirabel and Dorval, Montreal's other airport. They also have one more chance to lose their baggage and go through a security check.

The only way to get from Mirabel to Dorval is by a fine modern freeway which is one of the best in eastern Canada but still is more subject to weather conditions than the airport itself.

Icy road conditions, freezing rain and fog slow those big modern buses ferrying passengers between the two airports for a five dollar fee down to a standstill.

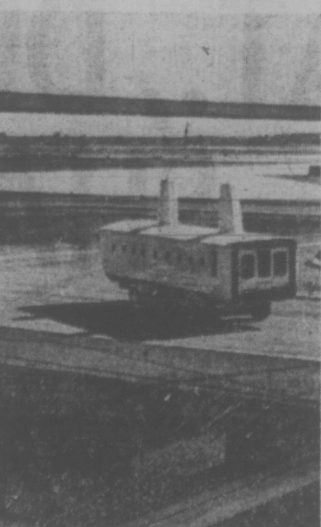
In fact, the highway to the airport has already started to have negative social and economic effects similar to those of another federal-provincial transportation achievement here, a portion of the brand new freeway which cut through wide sections of the centre of the city, displaced many thousands of people who could not afford to move elsewhere and currently threatens the existence of one of the last of Montreal's downtown parks.

The new Mirabel freeway has taken passenger traffic away from CN's commuter run from the area into downtown to the extent that the crown corporation has had to cut back on services.

Its existence has encouraged people to use and waste more imported gasoline than they would have otherwise.

It has created pressure for the establishment of more parking lots in Montreal, it has taken out of production thousands of acres of fine and much-needed agricultural land near Canada's largest city and it simply does not work in bad weather.

By the time an alternative planned method of transportation between Dor-



MIRABEL
... passenger transfer vehicle

val, Mirabel and Montreal is operating it will be too late to deal with the damage.

The decision to build the freeway first instead of developing immediately the existing railway lines already connecting Mirabel with Montreal Island is so supremely irresponsible that it can only be explained by that old Quebec electoral slogan, "If it's rouge, pave it." Liberals, of course, in this province are called "les rouges."

But the decision to build the airport at all can be questioned and its questioners include most of the airlines who have been ordered by the federal government to use it whether they want to or not.

Air Canada and CP Air for example have complained about being forced to maintain two complementary and costly operations in the same city.

The airport was planned in the days when it was thought that air traffic would grow and expand. But many international airlines are now in severe financial difficulties because costs are up and volume is down.

It was thought that passenger aircraft would become increasingly larger but many authorities within the industry are now saying that the current jumbo jets are flying dinosaurs which have evolved into the last of their breed.

In addition, it must be noted that Canada's largest metropolis has stopped growing as fast as it used to and the airport may be more isolated for longer than the planners thought possible.

To date the airport has cost an estimated \$300 million.

The people who used to live on the 88,000 acres expropriated did not get much of it, and the ministry of transport has 71,000 acres of land more than it needs.

A lot of reporters did pretty well on free drinks and food at the official opening said to have cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Who Made Money?

A fair number of construction firms and highway contractors made money. So did some of the more corrupt officials of construction unions affiliated through the Quebec Federation of Labor to the Canadian Labor Congress, as a Quebec royal commission discovered this summer.

Some real estate speculators and friends of Liberal Senator Louis Giguere may eventually be on to a good thing if the airport works out.

So will the oil companies that will be selling all that extra gasoline. Some Montreal cabbies are now collecting between \$40 and \$50 for the round-trip between Mirabel and centre-town.

The people that are hurt are Canadian, Quebec and Montreal taxpayers, most of whom have been already bludgeoned into submission, those who work at the airport and have to travel to their jobs in that more expensive, unsafe and irregular mode of transportation which is the private car, and as noted above, the people who will have to stop at the airport en route from an overseas destination to someplace other than Montreal or Ottawa.

Trudeau had it wrong. If the federal transport department's brilliant planners keep on coming up with ideas like this one, people will be going from Mirabel to Toronto on their knees. It may be the only way they can get there from here, particularly if the roads are icy.

How Seattle Trains Its Citizens to Save Lives

SEATTLE — David J. Evans died last year—twice. In almost any other city he would have stayed dead the first time his heart stopped, but because he lived in Seattle he is alive today because of a pioneering and unusual program for training citizens to be amateur heart doctors in emergencies.

In the last five years nearly 100,000 Seattle-area residents have received training, and officials credit the program with saving at least 513 heart-attack victims from death.

The key to the program is having people on the spot provide simple, emergency coronary care to keep the victim's blood running until professional medical help arrives. Irreparable brain damage from lack of oxygen begins within four to eight minutes after the heart failure.

The program grew out of research showing that two-thirds of the nation's more than 400,000 annual coronary deaths occurred before the victims reached proper equip-

ment in hospitals. "In other words," says Dr. Herman Alvarez, a cardiologist and one of the program's organizers, "by the time most cardiac patients got to the equipment, it was too late."

In 1970, Dr. Alvarez and his colleagues at the Harborview Medical Centre decided to do something about getting treatment to coronary victims sooner. Since fire houses received 57 per cent of the city's emergency calls, the program organizers figured it was logical to start training the firemen. Then, as city officials encouraged the program, the training was offered to anyone wanting to receive it. The response was enthusiastic from thousands of people who felt the training could only do good.

Thus, a vital ingredient of the program became the average citizen—the accountant, truck driver, utility worker, secretary, child and housewife who most often are the first to discover heart attack victims.

It is these average citizens

who can make the difference usually between saving a life and losing it. With their training, they can recognize the symptoms of a heart attack and, rather than looking on helplessly, they can take immediate and decisive action to keep the victim alive until medical professionals are summoned — often a matter of precious moments.

After five years, here is what has been accomplished in the three-pronged approach, which costs the city about \$500,000 a year:

● First, 87,000 Seattle citizens (plus another 13,000 from surrounding communities) have received three hours of basic instruction on coronary attacks covering the symptoms (chest pain, shortness of breath, sudden collapse) and the treatment (while someone telephones 911, the emergency number, give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and proper chest massage to keep at least some oxygen and blood flowing in the body).

This training is provided free by paramedics in fire

By ANDREW H. MALCOLM

houses, church basements, private homes, business establishments — anywhere it is convenient. The service is listed in the phone book and most requests for training are received this way. Many businesses and organizations set up group sessions. The training costs the city about \$1.25 per person.

● Second, about 400 firemen, called Aid Units, have received 80 hours of instruction in initial coronary care.

● Third, 48 firemen, called Paramedics, have gone through 1,018 hours of detailed medical instruction, focusing on coronary care but also covering a wide variety of medical emergencies.

The trained firemen are spotted in pairs around the city, each team in a specially equipped van (bought in large part by civic club donations). According to Lieut. Michael F. Olsen, the Paramedics receive a 10 per cent pay sup-

plement, thus earning \$1,500 a month.

A recent experience illustrates how the program works. At 5:07 p.m. one day, Cherya Vess, a telephone operator, spotted Merriwether Mills gasping for breath on the steps of the Calhoun Hotel. Her immediate 911 call reached Bob Herold, a fire department dispatcher. Within seconds, he had an Aid Unit on the way.

Before Miss Vess could get Mr. Mills to a lobby chair, the Aid Unit, Karl Waterbury and Greg Brace, burst through the hotel door. Meanwhile, with the punch of a button, the dispatcher summoned two Paramedics. After giving him emergency treatment, they put Mr. Mills in the van and careened through downtown Seattle's streets at 55 miles an hour. The flick of a switch by the dispatcher had turned every stop light to red for all directions.

From the time Miss Vess's call reached the dispatcher to the moment four trained men in radio contact with the

emergency room were tending the victim's congestive heart failure with oxygen, drugs and sympathetic soothing, three minutes had elapsed. It took that long for a doctor to come down a hospital corridor a while later. Last week Mr. Mills had recovered sufficiently to be released from the hospital.

The same procedure was followed with Mr. Evans, the man who "died" twice. He collapsed last year in his office and had no pulse. A colleague, Niels Hansen, who along with several company employees had taken the coronary training, recognized the signs. While one worker phoned the emergency number, Mr. Hansen began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and another man massaged the chest. By the time the trained units arrived, Evans was showing new signs of life.

"It gives you a warm glow to save a life," said Mr. Hansen afterwards, reflecting the general motivation people have for taking the training. Four months later, seem-

ingly recovered and shopping, Mr. Evans collapsed again at a news stand. The news dealer, Earl Patch, was a coronary course graduate. Again Evans was revived.

Harold Maxum's wife has brought him back to life three times. Mary Ann Palkey, a Girl Scout, revived her father. Koichi Sumida had an attack on a golf course and was saved by three teenagers who had received training at school.

Dr. Alvarez and other officials say there are no problems with slipshod amateurs trying the wrong methods on a helpless heart victim. "People prefer to try nothing over trying something and being wrong," he says.

And he cites some other impressive statistics. Before the program began, virtually no one survived cardiac arrests in Seattle. Now, with almost one of every five Seattle residents graduates of the coronary course, 50 per cent of the victims are revived at the scene and 26 per cent live.
New York Times

The Best Toy Is a Parent

By RITA KRAMER
New York Times

Parents shopping for Christmas gifts find themselves confronted with a bewildering array of "educational" toys, puzzles and games. Many parents, put off by the high prices, turn away with feelings of guilt for having been forced to deprive their children of the "best."

They needn't be. What is an "educational" toy? What makes a plaything creative, and is it worth the extra money parents are asked to spend to provide their young offspring with toys that teach?

The answer to the last question is "probably not." What makes a toy educational in the view of child-development experts is not what it is but how it is used. Its value lies in the pleasure it gives. Young children learn from everything they do, and when they enjoy what they do they are encouraged to do — and learn — more.

Toy makers have no stake in the parent-child relationship that experts see as the most important factor in preschool development. They emphasize mental skills because that's what they have to sell. But as Dr. Leon J. Yarrow, chief of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Branch of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, puts it: "At this age intellectual and social development, learning and emotional strengths are inseparable." And while some toys hawked for their educational value will serve as well as anything else for a young child to practice his burgeoning skills in the context of a rewarding relationship with a responsive parent, others are pointless and overpriced exploitations of parents' anxiety for their children's success.

If Ralph Nader were to turn his wrath on toy manufacturers, he might well start

with some of the educational games on department-store shelves. While claiming to be utilizing advanced educational standards and techniques, they are in fact, unimaginative adaptations of familiar puzzles and games, no more "educational" than any others. What you are actually paying for is packaging and promises.

Some manufacturers assure parents that their products develop "eye-hand co-ordination." But so does everything the child does in his daily life. To develop a child's eye-hand co-ordination, all that is necessary is to prevent him from doing the things he naturally does — from his first reaching for a finger or a rattle to his eventual catching a ball or making a peanut-butter sandwich. No special expensive marketed materials are required, and they may even prove more hindrance than help.

Prof. Louis J. Kaplan, director of the Mother-Infant Research Nursery of the New York University Psychology Department, believes that when parents pay too much attention to teaching formal skills to a preschool child it can interfere with other aspects of his play, notably the development of his imagination. "In most middle-class homes," says Professor Kaplan, "there is no real need for this extra emphasis on learning as such, for toys designed specifically to train the child in form perception, color discrimination or language skills. Most mothers name and distinguish things as a matter of course as they talk to their young children, tell them what things are and how they work."

Instead of worrying about what the child is learning, Professor Kaplan suggests providing dolls, trucks, any



It's value is in pleasure it gives.

toys that stimulate the child's fantasy life, and letting him play with them in his own way. "Fantasy play fosters creative thinking," she says, "and has more to do with developing a lively intelligence than early rote learning."

Sets of boards with holes and laces are described as exercising young imaginations. True, but so can walking down the street, making cookies, or just about any activity that gives a child a chance to observe, compare, manipulate. Still, these toys have a certain esthetic quality that might appeal to design-conscious grownups (although it's probably not too important to a child) and are well made of sturdy materials. If you don't mind paying for the packaging and find the toys attractive, they can be as much fun to play with as anything else, although children might prefer to play with "real" things (pots out of the kitchen cupboard rather than sets of toy pots and pans).

What then should parents look for in choosing toys to put under the Christmas tree?

According to Dr. Yarrow, the best toys for infants are those that provide some feedback, that do something — move, make a noise, change shape — when the child does

something to them. If the response he gets gives him pleasure, he'll continue the activity and gradually become more skilled and seek out more complex activities.

But Dr. Yarrow emphasizes that a responsive toy need not be an expensive one. "You can go out and buy a mobile or you can hang any bright-patterned object where the baby can look at it, reach for it, touch it, and make it move," he says. "An older child can build with blocks made specifically for the purpose or with old boxes, making of them what he wishes, projecting his imagination into the material. After all, children learned for years with only the simplest playthings — homemade dolls and cars improvised from crates — long before anyone thought of calling it cognitive development."

The experts agree that the best way for parents to foster their children's intellectual growth is to encourage their curiosity and interest in mastering things by spending time doing things together that are fun for both.

Asked what's best for a preschooler to play with, Professor Lewis says, "A parent."

THE SCALE FROM NUDES TO MONKEYS

By GARY LAUTENS

Many Canadians are still confused by transition from Fahrenheit to Celsius. Maybe it's time we replaced the numbers on thermometers with comments everyone could understand.

From top to bottom, it would read something like this:

- Skinny-dipping weather.
- Your 24-hour deodorant will probably poop out early; be on the alert for people at the office, on streetcars and in shopping malls who give you strange stares.
- Ice cream cones will melt before you get them back to the car.
- Family dog may drool over front room furniture and growl when children ride their wagons over him.
- Air-conditioning at work will break down, but car heater will be fine.
- Perfect holiday temperature. (Too bad your vacation was last week.)
- Anyone wearing shorts who sits down fast on car upholstery is taking a chance.
- Noise from the street will come through your open bedroom window and make sleeping impossible.
- Time to whip off the old pantyhose and go bare-legged.
- Look for Trudeau in sandals in your favorite daily.
- Ideal weather for labor unions to get angry over some minor point and

man picket lines on the sidewalk where they can get tans and oggle the opposite sex.

- It will take two extra hours to get up north because of the weekend traffic.
- Super for jogging, working in the garden, raking leaves, etc., if you can't find an excuse to get out of it.
- By noon you won't need the coat you wore.
- Just enough nip in the air for first-time mothers to wrap their babies in 45 pounds of clothing and put them out on the balcony for their afternoon nap.
- Goose-bump level.
- If you sit on the ground, you know what you're liable to get.
- Children who open the front door and stand talking to their friends for 15 or 20 minutes are in immediate danger of being shouted at.
- Yes, that was the click of your furnace thermostat.
- Question: "Can you see your breath?" Answer: "Yes."
- Of course your teenager should wear a scarf and hat, but won't.
- Water freezes at this temperature,

especially in the radiator of your car which you put off winterizing.

- That white stuff on your shoulders is snow, or you've got terminal dandruff.
- The fracture wards of hospitals may be crowded this afternoon with skiers.
- Don't call your physician. He's in Miami.
- The principal of the public school will announce over the PA that children caught throwing snowballs on the way to and from school will be severely dealt with.
- The principal's car will be pelted with snowballs.
- Perfect weather for standing out in the backyard with a garden hose in your hand to make a skating rink for your children. Also perfect for flu, double pneumonia and frostbite.
- When the mercury is here, you definitely regret not putting on your storm windows.
- Probably the day your wife wants you to string Christmas lights on the eavestrough.
- Extremely impressive if you choi a hole in the ice on the lake and go for a swim. Even more impressive if you survive.
- Even brass monkeys should be brought inside now.

Toronto Star

A Wing and a Prayer

President Ford came home with the turkey and put it in the East Room. "I've got the turkey," he told everybody, and his voice swelled with pride, for he had been fiscally responsible in negotiating the purchase and, though it weighed 537 pounds, it had cost him only \$2.537 billion cash, which was nothing in Washington money terms.

Leading everyone to the East Room to see his prize, he cracked the door, stuck his head in and was struck a resounding feather blow in the nose. He withdrew and slammed the door.

Alarmed, Ron Nessen mounted a chair and peered through the transom. "That's the weirdest turkey I've ever seen," Nessen exclaimed. "It doesn't go gobble, gobble, gobble like turkeys are supposed to. It goes 'flap, flap, flap.'"

Henry Kissinger mounted the chair to see for himself, gazed a long time, then stepped down and addressed the president. "Who sold you this turkey?" Kissinger asked.

"It's a secret," said the president, grinning.

"You know, of course," said Kissinger, "that this is a highly unorthodox turkey."

"I know," grinned the president. "It weighs 537 lbs."

"It has only one wing," said Kissinger.

The president smiled.

"Nothing but one wing," said Kissinger.

The president nodded.

"No drumsticks. No thighs. No breasts. No back. No neck. Just one wing."



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"And you'll notice," said the president, "that the one wing is the right wing. It's got no left wing, this turkey."

Dr. Arthur Burns, the wizard of currency, beamed delightedly through his pipe. "In that case, it will never be able to commit fiscal irresponsibility," he said.

Betty Ford said she was sure this was in its favor, but how was she going to roast a 537-pound wing, and even after she did, who was going to eat it? "Eat it!" exclaimed Bo Callaway, the president's wizard of politics. "Nobody's going to eat this wing. We're going to fly it to victory next November!"

At these words, the wing beat so seriously against the door that the White House shook, and Donald Rumsfeld came running to tell the president that Ronald Reagan was on the telephone. "Reagan says somebody stole his turkey and he wants it back right away," said Rumsfeld.

"That's nonsense," said the president. "I paid cash to a reputable salesman of turkeys and snake oil, and threw in Nelson Rockefeller to sweeten the deal. The turkey is mine."

At the mention of Nelson Rockefeller, the wing uttered a blood-curdling flap and crashed against the door with such force that the frame buckled.

Everyone recoiled. Secret Service

men drew machine guns, and the wing uttered another harrowing flap that sent the door crashing down. In an instant, an enraged mass of feathers was struggling to burst through the door.

As the Secret Service men took aim, the president threw himself between their guns and the turkey. "You can't shoot that wing," he cried. "Barry Goldwater is in there!"

With a horrendous sighing and flapping of feathers, the enraged wing burst free and began pursuing everyone throughout the White House.

"To the bomb shelter!" cried the president. "No wing on earth can break through those walls."

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Everyone fled for dear life, escaping into the bomb shelter and sealing the hatch in the nick of time. Everyone, that is, but Senators Hugh Scott and Jacob Javits, who were plucked up in a wing joint and carried to the kitchen to be chopped into the giblet gravy, which the wing was preparing for the great feast it contemplated in Kansas City the following summer when it would serve the Republican party, roasted, stuffed and garnished with California's delectable Reaganberry Sauce.

President Ford and his friends sat safely locked in the bomb shelter, listening to the wing whistling happily in the kitchen above. "I'll go up and try to pacify it," said the president. And he did. He was never seen again. Someone who resembled him appears in the kitchen now and then holding a giblet chopper, but he has feathers instead of whiskers and hair.

New York Times

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Employers Face Hefty Hike For Workers' Compensation

VANCOUVER (CP) — Provincial employers face average increases in assessment of about 23 per cent in 1976 to operate the Workers' Compensation Board, the president of the Employers' Council of British Columbia said Tuesday.

William Hamilton said that many employers face increases of 40 to 60 per cent. He added that one industry will have to pay more than 1,000 per cent more than in 1975.

Hamilton said the council is asking for a thorough actuarial review of the board by a government-appointed expert with no previous connection with the board.

Researchers for the council said that board assessment rates for 1976 will include increases of 65.29 per cent for sawmills, planing mills and booming grounds; 44.4 per cent for sand, shale and gravel pits, cement manufacturing and stone cutting; and 47.33 per cent for pulp and paper mills.

Rates are set annually on long-term experience by board experts and represent a charge of so much for each \$100 of salary for workers.

Hamilton said that the council concedes that the board is a specialized insurance agency with accounting and calculations among the most complicated in business. He said the council does not suggest a lack of integrity or mishandling of funds by the board.

"We are dealing with questions of judgment," he said. "We lack information on which to evaluate and assess WCB judgments."

b.c. briefs

VANCOUVER (CP) — The provincial labor relations board will be called upon by both pulp unions in British Columbia to resolve a problem which is threatening to lead to labor unrest once the provincial back-to-work legislation runs out early in the new year.

Art Gruntman, president of the Canadian Paperworkers Union, and Reg Ginn, president of the Pulp, Paper and Woodworkers of Canada, said Tuesday that they will go before the board over a dispute with the Pulp and Paper Industrial Relations Bureau, which bargains for industry employers.

The bureau wants all locals in both unions to accept a new two-year contract agreement. However, both unions say they want some issues solved on a local-by-local basis.

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Musqueam Indian band says it will file suit in federal court in Ottawa against the government in connection with a 75-year lease of 162 acres of the band's property that includes the Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club. The band claims the crown failed to provide the care and stewardship required of a trustee and asks that the crown be declared in breach of its trust and responsibility in the matter.

CHILLIWACK (CP) — Six men charged with causing bodily harm with intent to maim an off-duty RCMP officer have been committed for provincial court trial. The six were charged after Constable David Dickson, 23, was attacked and beaten when he was walking home in civilian clothes Sept. 21.

Charged are Hal Joseph Reimelt, 19; John William Ewing, 19; Lawrence Melvyn Crook, 21; Ernest Keith Elliott, 19; and Neil Athol Bergman, 19; all of Port Coquitlam; and Karl Gae Sparvier, 19, of Coquitlam.

Canuck Rookie Goes to Tulsa

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League Tuesday sent rookie forward Glen Richardson to Tulsa Oilers of the Central Hockey League.

Richardson, 21, played in 11 games with the Canucks. He scored one goal and assisted on three others.

The left winger was Vancouver's fourth selection in the 1975 NHL amateur draft. Richardson played junior hockey for Hamilton Fincups last season.

Richardson was recalled last month from Tulsa when injuries left the Canucks shorthanded.

The council, he said, feels it is being asked to take on trust data that should be fully documented.

Hamilton said council is

making a study of the operation of other provincial boards in this field across Canada, comparing expenditures and procedures.

"We are really interested in

making sure that the commitment of industry to the workers is adequately protected and the payments of employers is used as effectively as possible."

PEN INQUEST

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — Doug Jack, New Westminster coroner, said Tuesday an inquest will be held early in the new year into the death June 11 of Mary Steinhilber, 31, a classification officer at the British Columbia penitentiary who was killed as a group of hostages attacked their three captors. Jack said no definite date has been set.

Union, UBC Reach Accord

VANCOUVER (CP) — Members of the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) voted Tuesday to accept a one-year contract with the University of British Columbia.

The contract will give association members a seven-per-cent wage increase retroactive to Oct. 1 and another three-per-cent on Jan. 1.

The agreement, which was

passed by a vote of 750 to 41, covers 1,200 members of the union.

The increase will give starting clerks a monthly wage of \$760, starting Jan. 1. The present rate is \$633 a month.

AUCE members staged a week-long strike during exam period in early December, but voted to return to work Dec. 10 without reaching settlement with the university.

Woman Killed

VANCOUVER (CP) — A pedestrian struck and killed by a truck Monday was identified Tuesday as Emily Catherine Purcell, 77. She was crossing an intersection just after sunset and police said she was wearing dark clothing.

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GOV'T STAY OUT

The provincial government decided Tuesday not to get involved with the difficulties surrounding the paying of employees at the Cap-River Timber Co. in Blue River.

Twenty-eight employees have been out of work and unable to pick up their pay cheques because of uncertainties over a government guarantee of a bank loan.

The former New Democratic government, in addition to investing \$200,000 in the mill,

also guaranteed \$100,000 in operating costs at the bank, but when the NDP was defeated Dec. 11, the status of the loan became unclear.

Economic Development

Minister Don Phillips said Tuesday that his "information is that this is a matter between the mill and the bank."

"I'm staying out of it," he added.

DEESEA SHIPS IN PORT

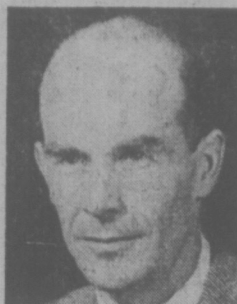
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NASMYTH

10-Day Forecasts Coming

By AB KENT
Times Staff

A new era in world-wide storm forecasting can be realized before the end of the century, perhaps by 1985, says a Victoria physicist back recently from a Paris meeting.

Dr. Pat Nasmyth, chief of Environment Canada's ocean physics division of the insti-

tute of ocean sciences, is chairman of a group of experts working under joint sponsorship of the Inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission (a component of United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and the World Meteorological Organization.

He said a proposed system

of forecasting ocean behavior and its resulting impact on atmospheric conditions, or vice versa, has reached a critical stage.

Nasmyth's committee has defined a desirable system, but its implementation will mean participating nations must come up with financing. Neither the IOC nor WMO

have such funds and for the next two or three years the task of planners will be to discuss with participating nations how to accept the responsibility of committing contributions, Nasmyth said.

The plan would parallel the existing system of collecting, compiling and dispersing atmospheric reports for domestic weather forecasting.

But the information would deal primarily with temperatures of seawater at surface and at levels to a depth of about 500 metres, along with wave and tide data.

The state of the ocean and its interaction on the atmosphere is crucial to weather forecasting with any degree of accuracy for longer periods of time.

Nasmyth said it should be possible to predict weather changes as much as 10 days or two weeks in advance, compared with about four days at present with information based only on atmospheric observations.

In the existing world weather watch, there are three information centres which collect and assemble data for the major nations and many lesser ones wanting global information for their internal forecasting services.

About 15 countries are involved in the oceanographic study up to now, primarily for weather forecasting purposes, and including such other interests as predicting wave and surge action for the shipping industry, forecasting abnormal sea levels as on the Arctic coast of the Beaufort Sea, and plotting movement of marine life for the fishing industry.

Nasmyth suggested three centres to handle oceanographic information in the same way as weather data is now processed.

Ultimately, ships may also carry pollution monitoring equipment, which is part of another program involving the same scientists.

A two-year pilot project aimed at petroleum pollution monitoring has been running more than a year, covering the North Atlantic and a strip around Africa, representing some of the principal shipping lanes from the oil-producing countries of the Middle East.

This project will be completed next summer at which time an assessment of its effectiveness will be made, Nasmyth said.

Canadians are making a substantial contribution to this international field of research, as evidenced by the ships and effort put into the South Atlantic oceanographic and meteorological experiment of 1974. Nasmyth said:

"It is very gratifying as a Canadian oceanographer who's made a few trips about the world to see with what respect Canadian oceanography is held in other areas of the world."

"Canada has applied more (money) per capita than any other nation, and the quality of work is uniformly high."

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<p>• CONWAY TWITTY/ Never Been This Far Before</p>				

Cablevision Hearing Feb. 5, 6

The licence of Victoria Cablevision Limited, which expires March 31, will be the subject of a Canadian Radio-Television Commission hearing Feb. 5 and 6 in the Empress Hotel.

In reporting an application by Capital Cable Co-operative filed in competition with Victoria Cablevision, the Times erroneously referred to Victoria Cablevision as Channel 10.

The CRTC refused to hear Capital Cable's application, sparking a protest telegram last week. The CRTC said its practice is not to accept such applications where a licence has been granted and is about to expire but to hold a public hearing on the renewal.

If, as a result, the CRTC should decide not to renew the licence, then Capital Cable could submit an application.

Until then, the CRTC won't accept licence applications but it advised Capital Cable it has the right to file opposition to the renewal of Victoria Cablevision's licence.

Stowaway Dies

SYDNEY, Australia (Telex) — A 17-year-old boy died after stowing away in a wheel well of a Qantas airliner at Sydney airport, an airline spokesman said Wednesday. He said the wheel well of a Boeing 707 is not pressurized or heated. The boy would have died from cold and lack of oxygen minutes after take-off as the aircraft was climbing to its cruising altitude of 35,000 feet.

In Bethlehem, a Gun Check Before the Midnight Mass

BETHLEHEM, Occupied Jordan (AP) — In the grotto where tradition says Christ was born, a priest polishes candlesticks. With his wrinkled skin, snow white beard and black robes, he looks as old as Christmas itself.

Outside, Israeli soldiers build wooden booths in which to search pilgrims for bombs and weapons before they enter the Church of the Nativity for midnight mass tonight.

In the coffee shops, the talk is not of Christ but of Palestine. When will the Israeli occupation end? Will Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization be the next ruler of Bethlehem? The birthplace of Christ is an Arab town, captured by Israel in the 1967 war, and political debate is its pastime.

Signs at the entrances to the town warn that only those with a special pass can enter on Christmas Eve. Passes are obtainable easily at tourist agencies, free of charge. Official leaflets advise pilgrims they may be "required to produce said permits at any time during their stay in the town."

In Manger Square, outside the church, workmen string red, blue and yellow lights. A few tourists look on and jokingly applaud.

A Christmas tree is festooned in tinsel and decorated with silver balls. Colored streamers are suspended over the square. Mingling with the colors are blotches of dull olive—the baggy uniforms of Israeli troops, rifles on shoulders.

The town's Arab leaders grumble every year about the security precautions, complaining that they dampen the Christmas cheer.

Says an Israeli official: "If we didn't take all these precautions and something happened, God forbid, we would be blamed."

But there is lots of Christmas-business.

The workshops are churning out mother-of-pearl crucifixes and olive-wood depictions of The Last Supper. Many souvenir shops, having found that ecumenism pays, offer posters of the crucifixion, of bearded sheiks on camels, and of dancing Jewish Hassidim.

Though Bethlehem's commercialism falls short of some in North America and Europe, it has its own flavor—the Shepherds' Field Souvenir Shop, Holy Land Stores and Mother Mary Arts and Crafts.

The merchants look forward

to a Christmas influx of dollars to offset the steady devaluation of the Israeli pound. Children in rags stock up on color slides and postcards to sell in the street.

Plea for Aid

VIENTIANE (AP) — Laos' new pro-Communist government appealed Tuesday to both Communist and non-Communist countries for food and medicine. The government also asked for assistance to persuade Thailand to reopen the frontier. Vientiane has suffered growing shortages since the border with Thailand was closed Nov. 18 following skirmishes between Thai and Pathet Lao troops.

The Christ Child Welcomes Your Child This Christmas

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Woman, 84, Craft Shop Contributor

Stuck for ideas and short on money as you hustle through last-minute shopping? The Village Craft Shop at 2170 Oak Bay Ave. has stocking stuffers at \$1 and \$2, says spokesman Henry Hyson.

The shop is now marketing the handicrafts of 232 senior citizens as well as some work of the handicapped. One contributor is an 84-year-old woman in hospital.

Baby clothes, wood work, toys, fancy aprons, paintings, hasty notes and macramé are among choices, says Hyson.

In a recent raffle Mrs. Sheila Ogden was winner of a quilt while a doll's crib and hand-made outfits were won by Mrs. I. Foulks of West Vancouver.

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CHRISTMAS DAY

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S. John (27 Dec.) 12:15 noon

ICE BREAKING BY AIR

OTTAWA (CP) — The transport department will continue icebreaking tests with air cushion vehicles in two separate experiments this winter, the department said Tuesday.

The department said in a statement the Coast Guard will operate a Bell Aerospace Voyageur beginning in January as an icebreaker along sections of the St. Lawrence Seaway, largely around Montreal.

Last winter the Voyageur was able to break ice up to two feet thick in operations near Montreal.

The Voyageur will operate mainly in shallow sections where conventional icebreakers cannot navigate, the department said. The Coast Guard will be operating the air cushion vehicle for the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

The Coast Guard also will carry out icebreaker trials in the Thunder Bay, Ont., area using an air cushion platform built by Arctic Systems of Calgary for oil exploration.

The platform will be modified so that it can be attached to the bow of the Coast Guard icebreaker Alexander Henry.

The Alexander Henry will push the air cushion platform through icefields in the Thunder Bay area in the January-to-March trials. The platform, built in 1971, already has succeeded in breaking ice nearly 30 inches thick.

The department said that if the Alexander Henry trials show that the air cushion platform should be developed further, the platform will be tested again on the Great Lakes next year.

Scientific information on icebreaking with air cushion vehicles will be collected during the tests.

Ontario Tax Break For Mining Firms

TORONTO (CP) — The Ontario government Tuesday announced tax concessions of \$3 million to \$10 million a year to the mining industry.

Leo Bernier, minister of natural resources, said the concessions would give a boost to the nickel-mining industry in the Sudbury area.

Most of the tax savings will go to Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd., which recently laid off more than 500 workers in the Sudbury area because of declining world nickel markets.

Bernier told a news conference that International Nickel Co. of Canada Ltd. Inco and Texasgulf Ltd. also will benefit from the easing of taxation restrictions on foreign processing of Ontario minerals.

Under provincial Mining Tax Act regulations introduced a year ago, only the costs of processing in Canada are allowed in the calculation of the tax of the producer.

However, Bernier said he has decided to permit the deduction of foreign processing costs for five years from the date the regulation was introduced to ensure that mining companies have the necessary financial resources to

sustain employment in Ontario.

He admitted that the concessions will not do anything for the people laid off in Sudbury but he hoped they would help prevent further layoffs.

He described the cost of the concessions as a small token when compared with the more than \$100 million the province collects annually in mining taxes.

Falconbridge also will be granted a four-year extension of its exemption from an Ontario requirement to process ores in Canada, Bernier said.

The minister also announced that within the next year, the province will consider changes to the Mining Tax Act.

The changes would affect the tax treatment of exploration expenses, making exploration as attractive in years

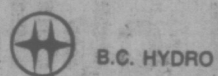
of low metal prices as it is in boom times, he said. He declined to give details.

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Tax Queries Extended

OTTAWA (CP) — The Finance department announced Tuesday a one-month extension, until Jan. 31, for public comments on its proposals to change the method of collecting federal sales tax.

A discussion paper on the subject was published along with the June 23 budget. The finance department then invited submissions on its proposals to collect taxes at the wholesale level, rather than at the manufacturers' level as is currently done.

The department says the extension is because of the recent postal strike and a continuing strong response.

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM

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Addictions Magazine,
February, 1973.

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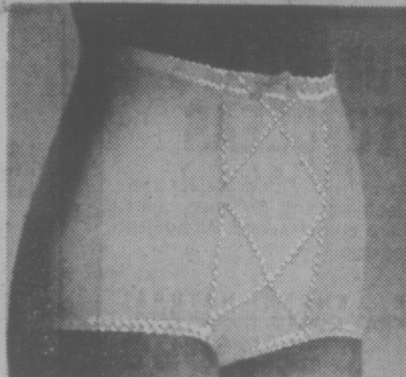
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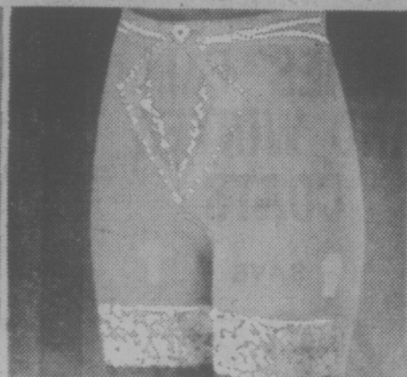


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Underfashions, Second

Playtex Cross-Your-Heart Bra — Style No. 152 with adjustable, stretch straps for hour-after-hour comfort. White only. 34-36, A; 34-40, B; 34-42, C.

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The Bay will be closed Christmas Day, December 25th and Boxing Day, December 26th, but will re-open 9:30 a.m., Saturday, December 27th. In the meantime may be wish all of you a very happy holiday.

Hudson's Bay Company

O. J. Keeps Title

NEW YORK (AP) — O. J. Simpson of Buffalo Bills is the National Football League's rushing champion for the second year in a row.

Although his final yardage figure of 1,817 was below last year's record-breaking 2,000 mark, Simpson nevertheless ran away with the individual title again.

Simpson, who carried the ball more than anyone else, 329, finished several lengths in front of Pittsburgh's Franco Harris, who had 1,246 yards. Baltimore's Lydell Mitchell was the third best rusher with 1,193—the first Colt ever to hit the 1,000-yard level.

The top three rushers performed in the American Conference, which produced five 1,000-yard runners this season. Jim Otis of the National Conference's St. Louis Cardinals finished fourth in the rushing race with 1,076 yards.

In addition to his yardage title, Simpson's season also included the NFL's scoring championship with 138 points.

Cincinnati's Ken Anderson repeated as league passing champion. NFL statistics showed today. Anderson finished with a rating of 94.1 points, based on over-all performance which included 228 of 377 completions for 3,169 yards, a 60.5 passing percentage, 21 touchdown throws and 11 interceptions.

Minnesota's Fran Tarkenton was second in the NFL during the best season of his 15-year career. The Viking quarterback had a rating of 91.7, based on 273 completions in 425 attempts for 2,984 yards, 25 touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

Mitchell, who won the AFC's pass receiving title last year, shared the NFL crown with Cleveland's wide receiver Reggie Rucker. Both had 60 receptions, Mitchell for 544 yards and Rucker for 770. Total catches are the basis of deciding receiving championships.

Oakland's Ray Guy is the NFL's punting champion with a 43.8-yard average; Houston's Billy Johnson took the punt return title with a 13.3 average; Chicago's Walter Payton won the kickoff return crown with a 31.7 average and Toni Fritsch of Dallas led NFL kickers with 104 points and had the most field goals, 22.

Esquimalt Christmas Bonspiel

First rocks will be tossed Saturday in the Esquimalt Curling Club's 15th annual Christmas mixed bonspiel, a four-event competition scheduled to finish on Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Six draws are listed for Saturday, another four on Sunday and two on Monday evening. Tuesday's final is slated to start at 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's opening draws:
9:30 a.m.—Len Becker (RC) vs. Ray Morrison (E), Tom Robertson (E) vs. Lyle Garrison (RC), A. Desnoyer (V) vs. Wes Green (P), Joe Iannarelli (E) vs. Wayne Alderson (E), Don Lowry (P) vs. Howie Ward (E), Nick Kyriakos (E) vs. Gavin Smart (E).
12 noon—Stu Palfry (P) vs. Bill Abbott (V), Brian McKinnon (E) vs. Jim McGregor Jr. (E), Jeff Jeffries (P) vs. Ted Eveleigh (E), Ron Bowers (V) vs. Neil Prior (P), Hank Grass (E) vs. John Fyvie (P), Greg Smith (V) vs. Gil Russell (E).
2:30 p.m.—Jim Dangertfield (RC) vs. Bill Lee (E), Roy Bird (P) vs. Jack Crowther (E), Roy Anderson (P) vs. Jack Punshon (E), Derrell Sears (E) vs. Jack Klassen (E), Don Edl (V) vs. A. N. Olfert.

Stingers Release Veteran Goalie

CINCINNATI (AP) — Veteran goaltender Serge Aubry was given his World Hockey Association release Monday by Cincinnati Stingers.

Aubry, 34, was the Stingers starting goalie early in the season before he suffered a pulled hamstring muscle last month. He was pulled from Cincinnati's game on Sunday after Quebec Nordiques scored three first-period

World Mile Mark Will Be Official

LONDON (Reuters) — The International Amateur Athletic Federation says John Walker of New Zealand likely will be officially recognized as holder of the world record for the one-mile run.

The federation had indicated earlier that Walker had been aided illegally by a pacesetter when he was timed in three minutes 49.4 seconds in Gothenburg, Sweden, last August.



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Save Saturday on assorted styles for both men and women. Choose from a good variety of dial styles, metal and fabric straps.

Watches, Main Floor

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Your opportunity to save on next year's Christmas cards. Shop first thing Saturday for best choice of traditional and modern design cards by Gibson and Carlton plus other famous names.

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"Santa" Fred Weir over weather ship



Bob Gray, Lee Rogers prepare cargo

Flying Santa jettisons Christmas mail for wave-tossed men of the weather ship Vancouver

Splashdown at Station Papa

By PAT DUFOUR
Times Staff

It was a grey day — the shortest of the year — when Santa made his Christmas call on the Canadian coast guard weather ship Vancouver, 807 miles out in the Pacific Ocean.

The day was Sunday. The 40-knot sou'westerlies whipped the waves to angry heights, white spume streaming from them. The wind bounced the 405-foot ship like a baby as she nosed into the wind.

There were no sleigh bells, no reindeer and no fast-moving sleigh.

Santa was Major Fred Weir, captain of crew VI, VP 407 squadron, of CFB Comox. His sleigh was the Argus long-range patrol aircraft 10711, his helpers the 14 other men that make up the crew.

Officially, it was a routine 14-hour patrol. Unofficially, the men aboard the Argus knew that, for the 70 persons aboard the ship, beneath them, it was the highlight of the watch they're keeping which won't end until they return Jan. 15.

Aboard the Argus, as we bucked the wind on our way to Station Papa, lead observer MWO Joe McCaffrey, helped by two other observers, Master Cpl. Bob Gray and Master Cpl. Lee Rogers, readied that portion of Santa's sack that would be dropped in the water, close to the ship's heaving hull.

Two fibreglass containers were wrapped around and around with masking tape. Reflector tape for easier spotting was applied. Streamers were added for easier identification in the troughs of the waves.

One of the men took a grease pencil and added the phrase "Do Not Open Until Dec. 25." His pal topped him with "First Class Air Mail!"

The day was fading and the greys grew deeper as we drew up to where Vancouver was standing her watch. Another pilot, Capt. Dave Kerry, took over the controls.

Down through a hatch went one canister, accompanied by a smoke canister

to help the men aboard Vancouver keep an eye on it. They hit the water about 150 yards ahead of the ship.

Vancouver's master, Capt. John Strand, turned the ship 60 degrees so that the precious canister could be scooped up with a grappling hook.

Kerry made turn and turn again around the ship, banking the aircraft in 45 degree turns. Sometimes one tip of the wing was only 160 yards from the sea.

Two observers in the stern of the aircraft waved to the men on the ship's deck as they kept an eye on a photographer, sitting tied to a seat at an open hatch.

Finally, Kerry positioned the plane for a second drop. This time it took a little

longer for the men aboard to retrieve it. The grappling hook was their only chance. The seas were too rough to launch the ship's Zodiac rubber inflatable.

As the Argus hovered above, a message was sent to the ship, wishing a Royal Canadian Sea Cadet aboard — PO2 Duane Weekes of Moose Jaw, Sask. a happy — if heaving — holiday.

Forty-five minutes after she came up on the Camell the Argus' Christmas mission was over. With a final salute she turned and went back on patrol.

Aboard, we could see men clustered around the two canisters.

The Argus patrol knows Station Papa well and the weather ships that wait out

their watch in that 10-square mile grid of desolate ocean.

They've dropped canisters for the ship before. But these were different. Normally, the Christmas drop consists mainly of newspapers, with the odd bottle of cheer donated by the squadron.

This time the most important item on Santa's list were letters from home.

Mrs. Raye Pinder, wife of the ship's supply officer, George Pinder, was responsible for the special air drop.

When Vancouver relieved her sister ship, Quadra, on Station Papa, the Quadra brought back a seaman who was taken sick aboard Vancouver. Pinder took the opportunity to send home a letter aboard Quadra, asking

his wife to arrange the letter air express.

Things started to move. The coast guard enlisted the help of the Pacific Rescue Co-ordination Centre at CFB Esquimalt. The Santa Special was arranged.

The Pinders have three children, aged two, three and four. He is typical of those who stand watch on Station Papa. Pinder has served seven years aboard Vancouver. Four of those Christmas cases he was on Station Papa.

"This (the letter drop) is such a boon to them," Mrs. Pinder said. "He has his Christmas out there and we have ours here. The letters are the only communication they have."

She added, "We're allowed

one message a week... 25 words or less... what can you say in 25 words?"

The Vancouver's galley is full of all the makings for a traditional Christmas feast and her crew is hoping for better luck than Quadra's when they stood watch last Dec. 25.

"They had to settle for Wieners and beans," said MoT district manager Larry Slaght. "There was nothing else they could keep on the stove. It was stormy and they were involved in a search. The ship was bouncing around like you wouldn't believe."

SATURDAY: Life on the aging Argus long-range patrol aircraft and how their crews work to keep them flying.



Weather ship Vancouver is sighted on lonely vigil 807 miles out into the Pacific

Knifed Man Won't Talk

Victoria police are mystified by the stabbing of a 21-year-old man in downtown Victoria noon Tuesday.

The victim, Russell Benjamin Mutter, 420 Skinner, isn't talking.

Mutter was discharged from Victoria General Hospital today after spending Tuesday in hospital for treatment of a stab wound to his stomach and another to his right thigh.

Victoria police said they received a report of the incident shortly after 12:30 p.m. when an employee of the British Public Schools Club, 1218 Langley, phoned to say a man had staggered into the second floor bar clutching his stomach and asking for assistance.

Bartender Tim Maxwell said he watched the man come up the stairs and "thought it was just another drunk."

The man approached Maxwell and said "Pardon me, I hate to put you out but could you phone me an ambulance please?"

Maxwell said he asked the man what was wrong and he

stood back from the bar took his hand from his stomach and revealed "a slit up his gut."

The bartender said he noticed the man's pants had been cut and a deep wound inflicted on his thigh about six inches above the knee.

The man told Maxwell that someone had rolled him as he walked through the car park next door.

Maxwell said the man's clothes were greasy, his hands and knuckles embedded with dirt and it appeared to him the victim had been laying for a time on the ground.

While another employee called for an ambulance, Maxwell gave the man a shot of rum.

"The man just sat there. He looked white, shocked and kept saying he'd been nailed in the parking lot."

When the ambulance arrived the man got up and walked down the stairs.

"This is getting as bad here as Vancouver," Maxwell said. "And that I don't like."

Lavery Launches Appeal

Dennis Grant Lavery will go to the B.C. Court of Appeal in Vancouver Jan. 8 to appeal his conviction last summer of possession of two pounds of methamphetamine (speed) for the purpose of trafficking.

Lavery, formerly of Victoria, was found guilty in county court July 24 and sentenced July 30 to seven years in penitentiary.

Police told court that two pounds of speed mixed with 15 pounds of dextrose would enable the material to be sold in "papers" for an ultimate value of \$304,640 although Lavery apparently paid Robert Drainville of Montreal \$7,000 for two pounds.

Lavery, 24, was charged June 6, 1974, after police seized five pounds of speed during and after a raid at the Century Hotel.

Drainville, who testified for the Crown against Lavery, was also arrested and faced two charges but these were waived to Montreal.

Glen Hamilton, registrar of the British Columbia Social

Workers Registration Act, said the only way to get able-bodied people off the welfare rolls is to improve economic conditions so they can find jobs.

"It does no good to hassle people if there is no work available," he said.

Hamilton, former executive director of the B.C. Association of Social Workers, said he hoped the new government will continue the present program which is designed to assist welfare people to go to work as soon as they are able to and when jobs become available.

He said he also hopes the new government will not confuse social work with policing matters. Giving aid to families in need is a task of social work while detecting welfare fraud is a police matter, he said.

But MacBain said the problem concerns the definition of who is an employable. Removing employables is not the same as cutting off the cheaters.

She said there are very few

Poor People 'Living in Fear' After Vander Zalm's Hard Talk

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

The poor of British Columbia are living in fear following a statement by new Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm that he will remove "employables" from the welfare rolls, the spokesman for the Victoria Community Action Group said today.

Sharon MacBain said politicians fail to realize the effect their words have on people who are already worried about whether they will have enough money for food and rent.

"This fear is particularly hard on the children of welfare families, who already have more than their share of insecurity."

She said it has been common practice down through history for the poor to be made scapegoats by politicians but it was unusual for it to happen in the Christmas season, the one time of year it is fashionable to help low-income people.

Glen Hamilton, registrar of the British Columbia Social

welfare cheaters in British Columbia. Former Social Credit welfare minister Phil Gaglardi launched a "crack-down" and only found a handful among the thousands of welfare cases, she said, and a similar investigation by NDP human resources minister Norm Levi produced only about half a dozen cheaters.

"If there are suspected abuses of the welfare system, the people should be charged. If they are guilty, they should be cut off, no question."

Removing the so-called employables, however, is something else again, she said.

For example, when Vander Zalm launches his investigation, he will find the following cases listed among the employables:

—A mother with three teenage children aged 19, 17 and 13.

—A 42-year-old alcoholic who cannot carry on any conversation without getting angry and abusive.

—A young man who doesn't know how to dress properly and collapses completely under any kind of pressure.

Vander Zalm won't find a certain 43-year-old nurse on the list, however, because she has just been removed, MacBain said.

The nurse had a back operation when she was 40 and, because she could no longer lift patients, she was asked to resign. She could find no other work and had a nervous breakdown.

A few weeks later she applied for welfare and was ruled to be an employable.

"There was no way she was employable. She couldn't lift

anything heavier than 10 pounds. She had no training for anything but nursing. Many firms don't hire people in their forties because of pension considerations."

She said it took three years of rebuffs from employers and several more nervous breakdowns before she was moved to the list of non-employables.

This meant she was entitled to \$249 per month instead of the "employable" rate of \$160, which carries with it the constant concern about being cut off at any time.

Meeting Called On Ambulances

Saanich council has called a special meeting for Dec. 29 to decide what to do when and if the municipality's firefighters withdraw their services from the ambulance system.

Council's fire committee met Tuesday with representatives of the firefighters' union and again turned down a request by the union to present its case before full council.

Union president Ken Ebbs-Canavan said the committee's decision leaves the firefighters no alternative but to withdraw the ambulance services. The decision on when to make the withdrawal will be made early in January, he said.

The firefighters are seeking to re-open their 1975 contract to bring their wages up to parity with Vancouver firefighters. A Saanich fireman is now \$33 a month behind his Vancouver counterpart.

The Saanich force wants to achieve parity before negotiations start for the 1976 contract so it will not be kept

behind by the federal wage controls.

Ebbs-Canavan said all firefighters whose industrial first aid tickets expire in January are being asked not to renew them.

The firefighters run the ambulance service, although the province is responsible for it financially. When the Saanich force refuses to perform ambulance duties, the province will have to take over the operation.

Ald. Joe Bourque, chairman of the fire committee, said today he saw little point in allowing the union a chance to speak at a full council meeting.

"The committee felt that as negotiations for the 1976 contract open next month, there would be little point in a meeting. We know their grievances," he said.

Bourque said the committee would make recommendations to special council meeting Dec. 29 on the future of ambulance service in Saanich.

'Bargain' Sentences on Jail Breaks

By DEREK SIDENIUS

Three men who took part in the 20-inmate breakout of Wilkinson Road jail Dec. 16 have learned the cost of their short-lived flight to freedom — four months in jail.

Judge D. K. McAdam in sentencing William Murray, 27, and Donald Thomson, 42, this morning and Lawrence Stanley Shisler, 33, on Tuesday, called the jail term the minimum he felt he could set.

However, there was general feeling in the courtroom and among the counsel for the accused the sentences were indeed "a bargain," as one lawyer put it.

A jail guard said Tuesday that when Shisler was returned to the lockup and told his fellow inmates what he'd got there were howls of laughter.

All three accused were on remand in custody awaiting trial, Murray and Thomson for drug conspiracy and Shisler for bank robbery, at the time of the mass escape.

Thomson told McAdam this morning he escaped because "inmates were tormenting me — calling me an old man" and that it was a chance to prove to them he wasn't.

"It all happened in a split second," said Thomson who

was picked up by police early last Wednesday and pleaded guilty to escape later that day.

He said he had nothing to do with organizing the breakout.

"I noticed a bunch of guys jumping through the window so I jumped through myself."

Prosecutor Nick Lang read out Thomson's record which dated back to 1932 and included four convictions for drug offences.

He also read out Murray's record which dates back to 1964 and includes three drug convictions.

Murray's lawyer, Harold Turnham said his client's problems all relate to his use of narcotics. He noted Murray had been caught the second day after the escape.

Judge D. K. McAdam said in sentencing Shisler there were two mitigating factors — first that Shisler was awaiting trial and not a sentenced prisoner and second he had been out only "a very short period of time."

Shisler was recaptured last Thursday, 40 hours after the escape, when he was discovered along with two other suspected escapees in the basement of a house at 1320 Coventry.



bill
walker

'Twas the night before Christmas, and with no further adieu
It's time for a ditty, and it's meant just for you;
So from all of us here, Ernie, Doug, Stew and Max,
And this author himself, some folly, no facts.

Bate's stocking by Bell was hung up with care;
While Patterson dreamt a title soon would be there;
Stan Kern, he was nestled all snug in his jet;
He'd get to New Zealand somehow — don't fret.

Walker, James and Forland — they were all set,
With Underwood, Ruthowsky, Taaffe and Cornett;
And Stephenson, Songhurst and Holness — what's this?
Bobby Burrows is out — to the ISF a big hiss!

Arch Browning in kerchief, George Grover in cap,
And Beaulac, the Dillons, lacrosse honors did trap;
Bob Reid and Munroe, the McDonalds they rule;
Like Alexander, Norm Baker — Captain Bob was Cool.

Walker had missed, what was the matter?
Then down at the rink, there arose such a clatter,
Toby and Browning had started to worry,
When Skillings found it was Bill and not Murray.

Away to the hack, Gallagher flew with Moe Hill,
To find Johnston and Valleau and Fergy — that's Bill;
And Lawter and Wark, Leibel, Wilson and Hourigan,
Dagg, Hughes and Stewart — no misses no more again.

The moon on his crown gave a lustre to Benseley,
While Halkett and Williams shone just as easily;
As did Wallace, and Odeh, and Purdy, and even
Tom Tomkinson, Brekke, Boyd, Tervo and Stephen.

When what to Ginnell's wondering eyes should appear
But the loss of a title, after coming so near;
The Cougars had missed, but Bridgman had not;
He led all the scorers, was picked first of the lot.

Now there are others who will try like Mike Will,
Like Williams, and Fraser, Gustafson, McDill;
And Fenske, and Lucas, Gloeckner and Henderson,
And Tebut, Ewasjuk, and Bannerman, Anderson.

More rapid than Swaps, the ponies they weren't,
And as Sandown re-opened, some punters got burnt;
Still, it was fun, playing win, place and show,
Amid the wind, rain and mud — but never the snow.

So, up Harknett! Up Popham! Up Millburn! And Green!
And Todd, Bowman, Bryant — they helped set the scene.
And Davies, and Simpson, Don Dunn and Jack Short,
Art Hughes, White and Filion — all the problems did sort.

To the top of the perch was where they would go,
London Boxing won it all, or didn't you know;
So did the Vikes, Flora Martin, Delaalle,
And our own Lorna Pollock was bowling's top gal.

As the tires did scream, and fumes filled the air
The Vantreights and Pollards were all gathered there,
With Surgenor, Forsythe, and Collins and Quail,
And Chipper and Bartley — but Smith's title was safe.

The people kept coming, in the seats they were curled,
Midgey coined a phrase "the best fans in the world."
For Haslam and Hitchcock, and Kershaw, and Ker,
And Rankin and Ward — that's the one they call "sir."

And then in a twinkling, Tang was heard on the roof,
With Cooper and Reynolds, and Reid's dainty hoof;
And McCallion, and Bricker, Gordie Hunter, Robbie Dunn
And Leither, Carson, Mudrak — they help make this fun.

With Mackenzie, Underwood, Robertson, Lequesne;
And Merriman and Usher, Jim Crerar, and Cain;
Don Wakelyn, the Halls — like Chopper and Pat,
And Leon, Ed, Mildred — Tommy knows where they're at.

Gabby's eyes how they twinkled, Thom's dimples so merry;
Buchan's cheeks were like roses, Northup's nose like a cherry;
Bate's droll little mouth, and Morgan's round, fat tummy
Haven't changed in a year — my their wives are so chummy.

The stump of a pipe, Gunniss held in his teeth,
The smoke it encircled Tierney's head like a wreath;
And Ferris and Cruickshanks, Beggs, Shaw and Caddell,
Are some of the fellows who help make this jell.

He was chubby and plump, Doug Bonner's his name
With Jean and Bob Clarke, boating's their game;
And there's Curtis, McCaghey, and Prior, Okeil,
And Carmichael, Watson, McKinnon, Benwell.

He was dressed all in fur, it was Mossop by golly,
With Gardier, Gutoski — even Hodge was so jolly;
Edd Moyes was there, too, McLean, Clarke, Iannarelli
And if you want that to rhyme, try, Rolfe's fat belly.

A bundle of titles, Tooby had in his pack,
His Scorps have the talent; Gallo's UVic the knack;
And Couits and that Aggie, their style does enhance,
Just as Griffin and Allan — they all have a chance.

She spoke not a word, at the Pan-Am a whizz;
Her medals showed class, Yakobowich, that is;
Dale Shaw did it too — hit straight and hit far,
The best in all Canada, as measured by par.

They dressed unlike, not that it matters,
So a "hi" here to Colegrave, Lacerte, and to Batters
And Wakeham and Fergie — Hey! Cee earns a clap;
From Hogarth, and Silverberg, Goldsworthy, Trapp.

And Thompson, that's Marlin, Marg Todd and Dot, G.,
The Andrews, the Jacksons, and McLeary and Lee;
And Sallaway, Forbes, Kidd, Kavanagh, Keough,
Their deeds may be different, their friendship true blue.

Now laying his finger aside of Wood's nose,
French gave a nod, up the chimney Stubbs rose;
And Coulter, and Sadler, and Gunter and Thorne,
And Talbot and Taylor went on with their game.

As did Moysey, and Roberts, and Leaham, and Buller,
And Marshall, and Powell, and Randall, and Fuller;
And Lumley, and Chapman, Gordie Moore and Ches Hays,
The Stewarts, the Bakers, Helen Reeves and the Days.

Now this could go on for a day, maybe more,
The long list of good people reaches the floor,
But it's time here for thanks to the good Lord above
For all his kind blessings, his favors, his love.

But rest ye merry sportsman, and all the gals, too;
That's all for this year except to tell you
You'll hear us exclaim ere we pass out of sight
A Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!



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DOUG PEDEN - EDITOR



IT ISN'T SANTA bearing gifts. It's just Jim Dunn, a seven-foot basketball player, with an armful of referee. Dunn will be in action with Reynolds Roadrunners and Lew McCorkall, if

Dunn doesn't drop him, will be officiating during eight-team high school tournament at UVic's McKinnon Building on Monday and Tuesday. (See story below)

SCORPIONS AND VIKINGS CLASH IN HOOP CLASSIC

Although there are only two teams in the fourth annual Christmas Classic basketball tournament at the UVic McKinnon Building, the calibre of play should be first rate.

Victoria Scorpions of the Dogwood Senior "A" Men's League and UVic Vikings of the Canada West University Athletic Association are scheduled to clash in conjunction with the 15th annual Bob Whyte Classic high school boys' tourney Monday and Tuesday.

Scorpions are tied for first place in their league with a 7-5 record while Vikings hold down first place in the CWUAA with a 6-0 record.

The Christmas Classic will be a two-game, total-point series and the two teams will play at 8:30 p.m. both days.

Eight teams, including defending-champion Victoria Totems, are entered in the Bob Whyte affair.

Reynolds Roadrunners, Mt. Douglas Rams, Esquimalt Dockers, Spectrum and Parkland Panthers are the other

teams from Greater Victoria while Alberni Chiefs and Nanaimo Hubsters are entered from up-Island.

Play in the single-loss elimination event begins at 10:30 each day. The consolation round final is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and the championship final is set for 6:30.

First Day Schedule
10:30 a.m. — Reynolds vs. Mt. Douglas
12:30 p.m. — Esquimalt vs. Parkland
2:30 p.m. — Vic High vs. Alberni
4:30 p.m. — Spectrum vs. Nanaimo
6:30 p.m. — Loser 1 vs. Loser 2
8:30 p.m. — UVic vs. Scorpions

Miller said the only exceptions to this were players with multi-year contracts covering the 1976 season, players who already have signed one-year contracts for 1976 and players who go to salary arbitration, if there is salary arbitration, in 1976.

In the past, any player going to salary arbitration

Chris Keeps Top Ranking

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Evert, who won 14 tournaments including the U.S. open, National Clay Courts and the Italian and French opens, is the No. 1 woman

tennis player in the United States for the second straight year.

Nancy Gunter, 33, in the top five since 1963, and three times the USTA's No. 1

player, moved into the No. 2 spot from No. 4 for 1974. Julie Heldman, 30, in fifth place the last two years, moved up to third, followed by Wendy Overton.

Messersmith, McNally Free To Make Own Baseball Deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Seitz, the impartial arbitrator who pushed Jim (Catfish) Hunter towards a \$3.75-million pot of gold, waved his magic wand Tuesday and ruled that pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally were free agents.

Seitz said that both pitchers played the 1975 season without signing contracts and, accordingly, have ended their contractual commitments, Messersmith with Los Angeles Dodgers and McNally with Montreal Expos.

Messersmith, a high-quality pitcher with two 20 victory campaigns under his belt and a 19-14 record last season, could command some sky-high bids from the major league teams.

On the other hand, McNally, who left the Expos last June because his arm was wasted, may only be worth dirt.

So it appears that Messersmith will be 1976's glamour boy and most wanted man, just like Hunter was one year ago. Hunter signed his lucrative pact with New York Yankees after leaving Oakland A's.

But it also appears there may be a lot of competition for that title in 1977.

On Dec. 20, all individual contracts had to be mailed to major league players. Paragraph 10 (a), the renewal clause, which Seitz said could be invoked by the owners only once, is in every one of those contracts.

Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Players' Association who joined Seitz in voting 2 to 1 against owners' agent John Gaherin in Tuesday's decision, says each player's contract is an independent document — separate from the labor contract between the players and the owners.

Miller says the labor contract expires Dec. 31 but those individual contracts are a different matter. If a player does not sign his contract by March 1 and is told within 10 days of March 1 by his owner that the owner is renewing the contract in accordance with 10 (a), then the player may perform the 1976 season without a contract.

And presto, he's an unsigned but not an unwanted player, and after the season, he becomes a free agent.

Miller said it doesn't matter what happens in the forthcoming collective bargaining between the players' association and the owners on a new labor contract.

"Ten (a) is part of the individual contracts," Miller said. "And Tuesday's decision immediately affects almost every player without any question."

Miller said the only exceptions to this were players with multi-year contracts covering the 1976 season, players who already have signed one-year contracts for 1976 and players who go to salary arbitration, if there is salary arbitration, in 1976.

In the past, any player going to salary arbitration



ANDY MESSERSMITH

had to sign a contract, with the impartial arbitrator merely filling in a final figure.

Seitz agreed with Miller's interpretation of the free-agent potential of the 1976 individual contracts. Lee MacPhail, president of the American League, said he didn't know what affect Tuesday's decision would have on the individual contracts.

So what does all this mean? The answers vary according to what side of the player-management fence you're on.

Dick Moss, counsel for the players' association who argued the Messersmith-McNally cases last month, said the decision "will not lead to many players leaving teams."

He pointed to basketball, in which a player can move between the American and Na-



DAVE MCNALLY

tional Basketball Associations after completing his contractual commitments. But he said in the last five years, only nine players have switched leagues.

And Miller, pleased by the latest ruling, was looking ahead for more gains by his union.

"You have to look at this decision in the proper perspective," Miller said. "The ruling itself covers only one facet of the reserve system. Now there's a safety valve for a dissatisfied player, and baseball has been raised toward the level of other sports."

Football, hockey and basketball give their players the chance to switch teams after they comply with certain procedures. But MacPhail thinks a similar plan for baseball would damage his sport more than the others.

The American and National League offices maintain that the clubs will not bid on the two pitchers, at least until a decision is rendered in federal court.

"At this time, our clubs have not been advised that players Messersmith and McNally are free to negotiate with other clubs," said a statement from MacPhail and Chub Feeney, president of the NL.

So Messersmith, at least, is a free agent in search of a market place. Moss thinks he can find him one.

On Tuesday, Moss filed a counterclaim asking the federal court to order enforcement of Seitz' arbitration award.

Moss said he hoped for hearings on his counterclaim by Jan. 1 and if the players receive a favorable ruling, the owners would legally have to make an effort to sign them. If not, Moss said the owners would be in contempt of court.

'WE SHOULD'VE DONE IT A LONG TIME BEFORE'

MONTREAL (CP)—John McHale, president of Montreal Expos, said Tuesday that baseball arbitrator Peter Seitz fired minutes after he ruled pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally free agents, should have been dismissed earlier.

"We should have done it a long time before," said McHale, upset at the decision that Messersmith of Los Angeles Dodgers and McNally, who quit the Expos in June, have the right to bargain with other teams.

"I was the only one to vote to have him turned two months ago—make that three months ago," said McHale of Seitz.

"We completely disagree with his decision. Then, we disagreed with his decision (on Jim Hunter) last year. It was quite evident he wasn't tuned in on our business then. We should have relieved him then."

Seitz ruled last winter that Hunter, a star pitcher with Oakland A's, was a free agent. Hunter became the focal point of a bidding war eventually won by New York Yankees.

"We agree an arbitrator should be able to handle garden variety grievances," McHale said. "We certainly don't think he should rule on foundation issues."

"Heaven, we've had the highest courts in the land rule on those decisions. Why should we have that overturned by one judge?"

A Potential Disaster, Says Kuhn of Ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn termed it a potential disaster but other heads of the sports establishment detected a trend Tuesday in the arbitration ruling that gave free agent status to pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally.

"If this interpretation prevails," Kuhn said, "baseball's reserve system will be eliminated by a stroke of the pen." Dave DeBusschere, commissioner of the American Basketball Association, warned that "the world of sports as we know it today is in for major changes in the very near future."

"A compromise between the ownership and players will be necessary for sports to maintain a competitive profile," he added, "and these compromises should be resolved without having to resort to the courts."

Don Ruck, vice-president of the National Hockey League, said his league had faced up to the growing trend of more freedom for the athletes by

signing a new five-year agreement with the players.

Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the National Football League facing similar court challenges, declined comment, saying: "I have only fragmentary knowledge of the situation."

Larry O'Brien, the new National Basketball Association commissioner with a long record in politics and government, said the NBA for years operated under a one-year option clause and he added:

"It would be inappropriate for me to comment on the possible impact on other sports since the decision involves baseball only."

After Tuesday's verdict in the case of Messersmith and McNally, a decision rocking the game's foundation, baseball announced it was severing all relations with Peter M. Seitz, chairman of the three-man arbitration board which made the ruling, "because he does not understand the basic structure of baseball."

Kuhn issued a strong statement:

"I am enormously disturbed by this arbitration decision. If this interpretation prevails, baseball's reserve system will be eliminated by the stroke of a pen. It would be a disaster for a great majority of the players, the clubs, and, most of all, the fans."

"It is inconceivable that after nearly 100 years of developing a system for the over-all good of the game, it should be obliterated this way. It is certainly desired that the decision be given a thorough judicial review."

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Fish and Wildlife Branch Unclaimed, Left in Limbo

Some rambling notes along the trail:

Incredible as it may seem, the new provincial government appears to have misplaced the fish and wildlife branch... Checking around on Thursday, I couldn't get a satisfactory answer as to whose portfolio the branch would come under in the newly-formed cabinet... I suspect, however, the process of dividing up the old recreation and conservation ministry will bring the branch into the fold of environment minister Jim Nielsen... The 37-year-old former radio host-liner, who lists reading and shooting pool among his attributes, might come close to the outdoors while pursuing the hobbies of golfing and gardening, but I seriously doubt he was the best possible choice for such a post... Cyril Sheffield, the Socred representative for Skeena and former minister of agriculture under the old W. A. C. Bennett regime, would probably have suited better... Sheffield, at least, has a farming and logging background and, when I met him several years ago, confessed to have done quite a bit of hunting, fishing and trapping in his time... I'm afraid it's beginning to look as if we're back to square one.

Perhaps, instead of setting up yet another federal bureaucracy to regulate rifles and shotguns, we should be putting more teeth into laws governing the use of weapons during commission of a crime... A law now before the U.S. Senate would require anybody convicted of a federal crime involving a gun to serve five to 10 years in jail automatically on top of whatever penalty is imposed for the crime itself... A second conviction would carry a 10-year-to-life sentence... Both sentences would be mandatory and could not be suspended... It's food for thought.

Peter Stephenson won his second straight monthly Frosthite Derby for Chinook Club members of the Victoria-Saanich Inlet Anglers' Association last Sunday with a 112-pound, eight-ounce winter chinook... Bob Redgraves was second with an 11:02-pounder and John Rose placed third with a 10:08 catch... Hidden-weight winners were Ross Rose, Harmon Leong and Karl Leong.

Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association set a new membership record of 1,622 for 1975... Memberships, \$10 for adults and \$15 for families, are now on sale for 1976 at Robinson's Sporting Goods... They would make an excellent stocking stuffer for the outdoorsmen in the family... The club is holding a shoot for both trap and rifle from 10 a.m. to dark on Boxing Day... Running-deer, running-boar and gong targets will be available for riflemen and all five trap layouts will be in operation for the scattergunners... Parking is available for at least 155 vehicles.

Some wildlife-people contacts are beneficial... The fish and wildlife branch has obtained a 99-year lease on 45 acres of prime waterfowl habitat at Buttertub Marsh in Nanaimo... Since the property is adjacent to Nanaimo Senior Secondary, Malaspina College and a senior citizens' housing project, it will provide educational and recreational opportunities for all age groups... To expand citizen participation even further, the area will be operated in co-operation with a board of directors representing the people of Nanaimo.

And, to all of you who make writing this piece a lot more than just another job: Thanks for everything and have a happy and safe Christmas!

OLYMPIC GYMNASTIC TRIALS SCHEDULED

John Herb of Victoria, recently appointed national men's gymnastics coach, will hold an Olympic Games trials and training camp Dec. 29-Jan. 4 at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby.

Among those attending the camp will be Philip Delesalle and Charles Hanlon of Victoria, Naosaki Masaaki of Toronto and Bruce Medd, a Canadian attending Michigan University—who are all training in Victoria this week.

Trials and training camp will be sponsored by the British Columbia Gymnastic Association, the Canadian Gymnastic Federation and Simon Fraser University.

Red Wings Climb

Victoria Ray's Red Wings tripped Juan de Fuca Gulls 5-2 Tuesday night at Memorial Arena to move within five points of third place in the South Island Junior "B" Hockey League.

Victoria holds down third spot with 28 points from 20

starts and has three games in hand on runner-up Esquimalt Legion.

Steve Leatham, Garth Cunningham, Wayne Procevat, Larry Hansen and Norm Allen connected for the Wings. Dan Walushka and Ron Hope replied for Gulls.

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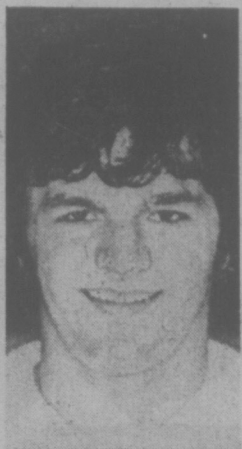
LONDON (Reuter) — The European Boxing Union will not allow Jean-Pierre Cooman of Belgium to challenge Muhammad Ali for the world heavyweight title, a British boxing official said Tuesday.

Ray Clarke, secretary of the British boxing board, said EBU general secretary Piero Pini of Italy had advised him that the EBU would not allow the bout to take place. "He said we do not want Cooman getting killed."

Boxing-agent George Kanter announced Monday that contracts had been signed for a fight Feb. 20, probably in Puerto Rico.

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Marcel, Gary Wreck Bruins

By The Canadian Press
Marcel Dionne of Los Angeles Kings and Ivan Boldirev of Chicago Black Hawks have several days to savor their three-goal performances in National Hockey League action Tuesday night.

Dionne registered his third three-goal game of the season as the Kings downed Boston Bruins 4-3 while Boldirev's three goals paced Chicago in its 4-1 win over St. Louis Blues.

In other games, Philadelphia Flyers and Atlanta Flames tied 2-2, New York

Rangers edged Pittsburgh Penguins 4-3 and Buffalo Sabres defeated Kansas City Scouts 5-1.

Play resumes Friday night following a Christmas break.

Kings goalie Gary Edwards, making his 13th appearance of the year as Rogatien Vachon's backup, turned aside 40 shots as the Bruins enjoyed a big edge over the 20-shot Los Angeles attack. But defensive errors cost the Bruins the game and let the Kings snap a four-game losing streak.

Butch Goring got the other

Los Angeles goal against net-minder Gilles Gilbert, while Gregg Sheppard with two and veteran Johnny Bucyk provided Boston's goals.

Boldirev's three goals at Chicago helped the Hawks hand St. Louis its fourth straight loss. The Blues have not won since Dec. 14, when they beat the Hawks 4-3 in Lynn Patrick's first appearance as Garry Young's coaching successor.

Grant Mulvey scored the first Chicago goal, and Derek Sanderson replied for the Blues in the third period when

the Hawks led 3-0. Boldirev rounded out the scoring with his 19th goal of the year.

Philadelphia's Bobby Clarke got past Flames defenceman Ed Kea to score the tying goal at 13:19 of the final period at Atlanta.

Don Saleski opened the scoring for the Flyers midway through the second period but Claude St. Sauveur and Bill Flett put the Flames ahead 2-1 by 5:36 of the third.

Rod Gilbert and rookie Ed Johnstone scored 72 seconds apart in the second period and the Rangers got other goals from Carol Vadnais and Pete Stelmowski to beat Pittsburgh. A makeshift line of Stelmowski, Walt Tkaczuk and Johnstone got cautious praise from coach Ron Stewart.

"That's not a bad line,"

said Stewart, perhaps worried about excessive enthusiasm in New York, where fans have turned hostile after a downturn in the club's fortunes.

"It was a real good defensive game," Stewart said. "We almost let it get away but we regrouped in time."

Pittsburgh's Ron Schock scored in the second period, but Stewart was most concerned when former New York captain Vic Hadfield fired his 15th and 16th goals in the third to cut into a 4-1 lead.

Buffalo goalie Roger Crozier lost his shutout bid at 14:18 of the third period when Craig Patrick scored on a breakaway, but that was all that was in doubt at Kansas City.

The victory gave Buffalo a four-point edge over Boston atop the Adams Division.

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We Know What to Expect

MONTREAL (CP) — Centre Pete Mahovich of Montreal Canadiens said Tuesday the National Hockey League team will not repeat past mistakes in meeting Central Red Army of the Soviet Union next Wednesday night.

"This time we know what to expect," Mahovich said after discussing his role in the Team Canada series in September, 1972, against the Russian national team. Canada won the series 4-1 on a goal by Paul Henderson with 34

seconds left in the last game.

"This game means everything to the NHL and the Canadiens and we know it will be difficult," Mahovich said.

"When we started last time, the fans as well as the players thought it was going to be a kind of sporting exhibition. We decided that we could play the Russians without bothering to do any preparation."

"After the first two games, it wasn't a sport competition any more. It was a sport

war."

Canadians right winger and captain Yvan Cournoyer, another Team Canada veteran, said the game is "very important" to him.

"A lot of people are saying the Russians are better than us. I can't understand their point of view. We won the series in 1972 even though we had to make a great comeback."

"Really I don't know if we should compare the two systems. It's a totally different

sport. It's a totally different way of life there. It's not a sport."

"The only way to make a good comparison would be to put the Russians into our 80-game schedule. Then you'll be able to compare them with NHL teams."

Central Red Army will play New York Rangers on Sunday to open their half of an eight-game series against NHL teams. Wings of the Soviet also will play four games in NHL rinks.

Indoor Soccer Holiday Fare

An indoor soccer tournament planned by the Vancouver Island Soccer League will highlight sports activities over the holiday weekend.

Victoria West, Oak Bay, Gorge Molsons, Gorge United, UVic Vikings, DaVinci and two Cosmopolitan-Royal squads will be competing in the two-day, single-elimination event starting Saturday in the old UVic gymnasium.

Each game will be 30 minutes in duration with five-minute, sudden-death overtime periods to break ties. Teams will consist of five players and a goalkeeper with as many as five substitutes. Player changes can be made on the run and line changes take place at stoppage of play.

Offside rules have been abolished but all other soccer

rules will apply. Penalties for major offences such as boarding and tripping will be two minutes or one goal for the opposite side.

Action gets under way Saturday at 1 p.m. with Royals I facing DaVinci. In following games, Vikings tackle Gorge United at 1:45, Victoria West takes on Royals II at 2:30 and Oak Bay clashes with Gorge Molsons at 3:15.

Play in both the championship and consolation rounds will take place Sunday with the championship final scheduled for 3:45.

No sports are scheduled for tonight or Christmas Day, but a few events will take place on Boxing Day.

The annual Christmas Tree golf tournament starts at 9 a.m. Boxing Day at Uplands; the Flying "Y" one-hour run begins at 1 p.m. Boxing Day at Victoria High School; and

Saanich takes on Esquimalt in a South Island Junior "B" Hockey League game at 8 p.m. in Esquimalt Sports Centre.

On Saturday, Victoria Cougars will play Kamloops Chiefs in a Western Canada

Hockey League game at 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Arena; Victoria visits Lake Cowichan for a Junior "B" League game at 8:30, and Saanich faces Nanaimo in a junior "B" exhibition game at 5:45 p.m. in Pearkes Arena.

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Smith's Shooting Near Perfection

By The Associated Press
Randy Smith used to be one of the worst free-throw shooters in the National Basketball Association. Now he's one of the best.

"It's pure concentration," said the Buffalo guard. "I block everything else out of my mind. Now I've got all the confidence in the world."

Smith's ability to make the free throw was obvious Tuesday night—when he hit 13 of 14 shots to help the Braves beat Boston Celtics 101-92.

Smith's near-perfect foul shooting raised his season's average to more than 80 per cent and allowed him to score 31 points over all.

The Braves played without centre Bob McAdoo, the NBA's leading scorer who sat out the game with a strained

back. But the shooting of Smith and his backcourt mate, Ken Charles, more than made up for McAdoo's absence.

In other NBA games, Washington Bullets beat Detroit Pistons 120-102; Houston Rockets trimmed Chicago Bulls 101-94; New York Knicks nipped Milwaukee Bucks 110-108; Golden State Warriors defeated New Orleans Jazz 105-97; Los Angeles Lakers walloped Kansas City Kings 111-97 and Portland Trail Blazers whipped Seattle SuperSonics 125-100.

In the American Basketball Association, it was: New York Nets 107, Kentucky Colonels 102; Spirits of St. Louis 115, Virginia Squires 103; and Indiana Pacers 111, San Antonio Spurs 106.

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They All Pick On the Toros

By The Canadian Press

The struggling Toronto Toros are getting little sympathy from their World Hockey Association opponents.

For that matter, neither are Quebec Nordiques who lost 10-4 in a game Tuesday night against San Diego Mariners. The Mariners set league records with a total of 64 shots on goal—32 in the first period.

Calgary Cowboys added to the Toros' problems with a 10-1 triumph, handing the Toronto team its 20th defeat in 33 games.

For the second game in a row, the Toros were without coach Bobby Baun who has taken a leave of absence. Assistant manager Gilles Leger, who directed the Toros to a 4-2 win over Edmonton Oilers last Sunday, has apparently told the coach to take a week's leave of absence to see how the team does without him.

Last year, Billy Harris—former coach of the Toros—asked for and received a two-week leave of absence. He never returned.

In other games, Winnipeg Jets defeated the Oilers 6-2. Phoenix Roadrunners downed Cincinnati Stingers 5-3 and Minnesota Fighting Saints beat Denver Spurs 5-4.

The Cowboys came up with their highest scoring total of

the season in defeating the Toros before 5,140 fans in Calgary.

Danny Lawson, Butch Deadmarsh and Bobby Leiter, all members of one Calgary line, each had a pair of goals. Lawson and Deadmarsh also picked up two assists and Leiter, who has scored five goals in six games since joining the Cowboys from Atlanta Flames of the National Hockey League, added an assist.

CANADIAN DIVISION					
Winnipeg	W	L	T	P	Pts
Winnipeg	24	12	0	144	48
Quebec	22	14	1	132	45
Calgary	17	14	2	132	36
Edmonton	15	20	2	128	32
Toronto	10	20	3	140	23

EAST DIVISION					
Cincinnati	W	L	T	P	Pts
Cincinnati	15	17	1	132	31
N. England	14	16	3	97	29
Indianapolis	13	16	2	99	28
Cleveland	11	19	2	103	24

WEST DIVISION					
Houston	W	L	T	P	Pts
Houston	19	12	0	121	38
Minnesota	16	11	2	100	34
San Diego	14	13	4	124	32
Phoenix	13	14	3	100	29
Denver	12	17	1	102	25

Next games: Friday — Denver at Houston, Cincinnati at New England, Calgary at Winnipeg, Edmonton at Toronto, Phoenix at San Diego.

MINNESOTA (5) — Bouché, Keon, Walton, Gambucci, Anichini, DEWEY (1), Borgeson, MacGregor, Lindgren, Lomenda.

PHOENIX (5) — Cormier, Dean, Gorman, Hall, CINCINNATI (3) — Dwyer, 2, Larose.

QUEBEC (4) — Houle, Benz, Lecier, — Bernier, SAN DIEGO (10) — Tiedt, 3, Forsoun, Lacroix, 2, Burgess, Peacock, Rivers.

TORONTO (1) — Kirk, CALGARY (10) — Deadmarsh, 2, Lawson, 2, Leiter, 2, Morrison, Delor, 2, Sene, Evans.

WINNIPEG (5) — Sullivan, 3, Hull, 2, Ketola, EDMONTON (2) — Russell, 2.

Voters Select Seven Vikings

NEW YORK (AP) — Fran Tarkenton of Minnesota Vikings has been named starting quarterback for the National Conference team when it takes on the American Conference team in the National Football League's annual Pro Bowl on Jan. 26.

Tarkenton leads seven Minnesota players into the starting lineup for the game at the Superdome in New Orleans. Other Vikings named to start on offense are wide-receiver John Gilliam, tackle Ron Yary, guard Ed White and running-back Chuck Foreman.

Minnesota's contributions to the defense are tackle Alan Page and middle-linebacker Jeff Siemon.

St. Louis Cardinals has six starters, including wide-receiver Mel Gray, tackle Dan Dierdorf, guard Conrad Dobler, centre Tom Banks and running-back Terry McCalif on offense and cornerback Roger Wehrli on defense.

With Minnesota and St. Louis dominating the offence, the lone outsider is tight-end Charles Young of Philadelphia Eagles.

Other defensive starters are ends Jack Youngblood of Los Angeles Rams and Cedrick

Hardman of San Francisco 49ers, tackle Merlin Olsen of the Rams, outside-linebackers Chris Hanburger of Washington Redskins and Isaiah Robertson of Los Angeles, cornerback Lem Barney of Detroit Lions and safeties Cliff Harris of Dallas-Cowboys and Ken Houston of the Redskins.

Add to the St. Louis list Jim Bakken as the kicking specialist. John James of Atlanta Falcons will be the punter and Steve Odom of Green Bay Packers the kick return specialist.

Five of the starters were selected for the Pro Bowl for the first time — Banks, Dobler, White, James and Odom.

Jim Hart of St. Louis will back up Tarkenton at quarterback.

In all, 40 players, 20 on offense and 20 on defence, were selected for the team in balloting by the 13-NFC head coaches. None was allowed to choose a player from his own team.

The AFC leads the NFC in the series 3-2, although the NFC won 17-10 last year when Rams quarterback James Harris relieved the injured Hart and threw two touchdown passes.

NHL SUMMARIES

PATRICK DIVISION					
Philadelphia	W	L	T	P	Pts
Philadelphia	24	12	0	138	48
NY Islanders	22	10	0	141	44
Atlanta	21	17	1	116	43
NY Rangers	24	15	1	117	34

ADAMS DIVISION					
Buffalo	W	L	T	P	Pts
Buffalo	24	11	0	131	46
Boston	24	17	0	115	42
Toronto	21	19	0	104	34
California	24	17	0	90	27

SMYTHE DIVISION					
Chicago	W	L	T	P	Pts
Chicago	21	11	1	116	47
Vancouver	21	14	0	100	28
St. Louis	10	19	0	102	25
Kansas City	24	20	0	78	22
Minnesota	21	20	1	77	19

NORRIS DIVISION					
Montreal	W	L	T	P	Pts
Montreal	25	24	5	61	73
Los Angeles	24	18	2	105	51
Pittsburgh	23	13	4	136	50
Detroit	24	20	4	88	52
Washington	24	27	4	101	17

Next games: Friday — New York Islanders at Detroit; Pittsburgh at Atlanta; Minnesota at Washington; Los Angeles at California; Boston at Buffalo.

PITTSBURGH 3, NY RANGERS 4

First Period: 1. NY Rangers, Vadnais (6) (Tkaczuk, Johnstone) 17:54. Penalties — Tkaczuk (R) 5:27, Owsch (P) 12:17.

Second Period: 2. Pittsburgh, Schock (7) (Hadfield) 14:43.

3. NY Rangers, Gilbert (11) (Esposito) 15:34.

4. NY Rangers, Johnstone (2) (Tkaczuk, Stankowski) 16:48. Penalty — Holland (R) 11:22.

Third Period: 5. NY Rangers, Stankowski (7) (Tkaczuk, Vadnais) 1:27.

6. Pittsburgh, Hadfield (15) (Schock, Campbell) 2:27.

7. Pittsburgh, Hadfield (16) (Campbell, Burrows) 14:56.

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by Pittsburgh 7 14 15—36.

NY Rangers 12 7 10—33.

Goal — Plasse, Pittsburgh; Davidson, NY Rangers.

Attendance — 17,500.

PHILADELPHIA 2, ATLANTA 2

First Period: No scoring.

Penalty — Kea (A) 19:01.

Second Period: 1. Philadelphia, Saleksi (7) (Klindachuk, Van Impe) 11:21.

2. Atlanta, St. Sauveur (14) (Vail) 15:39.

Penalty — Goodenough (P) 19:12.

Third Period: 3. Atlanta, Flett (11) (Gibbs) 5:34.

4. Philadelphia, Clarke (17) (Leach, Jim Watson) 12:15.

Penalties — Clarke (P) 0:40; Schultz (P) 0:05 (A) (double minors) 4:00; Van Impe (P) 15:44.

Shots on goal: Philadelphia 7 14 11—32.

Atlanta 7 15 11—33.

Goal — Stephenson, Philadelphia; Myre, Atlanta.

Attendance — 14,484.

LOS ANGELES 4, BOSTON 3					
First Period	Los Angeles	Dionne	(22)	(Murray, Whittam) 3:00.	Los Angeles, Goring (9)
(Nevill) 19:32.	Penalties — Smith (B) 6:10; Komadoski (LA) (double minor) 6:39; Hutchison (LA), Cashman (B) 10:29; Murphy (LA) 14:01; Savard (B) 17:29.	Second Period	3. Boston, Sheppard (15) (Park, Hodges) 5:30.	4. Los Angeles, Dionne (23) 16:28.	Penalties — Cashman (B) 4:22; Berry (LA) 4:08; Marcotte (B) 6:11; Murphy (LA) 7:29; Komadoski (LA) 19:38; Hodges (B) 20:00.
Third Period	5. Los Angeles, Dionne (24) (Murray) 4:27.	6. Boston, Bucyk (15) (Hodges, Sheppard) 7:33.	7. Boston, Sheppard (16) (Bucyk, Park) 14:34.	Penalties — Nevill (LA) 6:40; Carr (LA) 8:14.	Shots on goal by: 9 7 4—20.
Los Angeles 14 11 16—43.	Boston 14 11 16—43.	Goal — Edwards, Los Angeles; Gilbert, Boston.	Attendance — 13,336.		

BUFFALO 3, KANSAS CITY 1					
First Period	Buffalo	Martin	(23)	(McNab, Spencer) 12:12.	Richard (B) (Perreault, Hall) 14:15.
Penalties — Martin (B) 8:53; Hall (B) 15:26.	Second Period	3. Buffalo, Stanfield (8) (Richard, Perreault) 1:59.	4. Buffalo, Luce (13) (Gare, Guivremont) 14:37.	Penalty — Korab (B) 19:34.	Third Period
5. Buffalo, Ramsey (9) (Luce, Guivremont) 6:17.	6. Kansas City, Patrick (4) (Hudson, Harvey) 12:18.	Penalty — McIntosh (B) 9:35.	Shots on goal by: 14 12 10—36.	Buffalo 14 8 15—37.	Goal — Crozier, Buffalo; Herron, Kansas City.
Attendance — 6,018.					

ST. LOUIS 1, CHICAGO 4					
First Period	Chicago	Mulvey	(8)	(Russell, Sheahan) 12:29.	Penalty — Korol (C) 18:40.
Second Period	2. Chicago, Boldirev (17) (Rota, Kornil) 1:34.	Penalties — B. Plager (SL) 1:43; Russell (C) 5:00; Gassoff (SL) 8:12; Mulvey (C) 13:16; Boldirev (C) 15:40.	Third Period	Chicago, Boldirev (18) (Daigle, White) 3:10.	4. St. Louis, Sanderson (8) (Ahlbeck, Larose) 17:09.
Chicago, Boldirev (19) (Lussell) 15:46.	Penalties — MacMillan (SL) 0:45; Lefler (SL) 3:45; Russell (C) 8:11.	Shots on goal: 8 10 9—27.	Chicago 10 14 7—31.	Goal — Johnston, St. Louis; Esposito, Chicago.	Attendance — 14,000.

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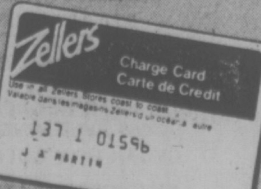
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BEFORE THE JUDGE

A 33-year-old man who has been a heroin addict since he was 15 was fined \$200 in Victoria provincial court Tuesday for possession of marijuana.

Robert Wayne Perry of Burnaby pleaded guilty to the charge laid Nov. 17 when police checked his car on Douglas and found a small bag of the drug.

Judge D. K. McAdam said he may have set a jail term but for the fact Perry's parole officer had decided not to revoke the accused's parole.

Drug prosecutor Malcolm

McMicken read Perry's record which dated back to 1959 and included a six-year sentence handed down in Victoria, March 10, 1971 for a conviction of possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking. He was paroled earlier this year.

McAdam set bail at \$1,000 for Russell Wayne McArthur, 19, of 490 George East, charged with robbing the Imperial Inn of \$331 early Tuesday.

McArthur was remanded one week to obtain legal counsel.

The judge imposed a ban on publication of the details of the bail hearing.

A preliminary hearing was set for April 22 for Paul Joseph Desjarlais charged with a number of offences stem-

ming from his two-day flight from William Head federal prison Dec. 6 and 7.

The charges include unlawful confinement of a Metchoin couple, two break-ins on William Head Road, theft of a boat, tools and a flashlight, as well as a break-in in Saanich and theft and possession of a stolen motorhome.

The accused, who is serving an additional one-year sentence for being unlawfully at large from William Head, has elected trial by a county court judge.

Leonard John Baronette, 35, no fixed address, received a 15-day jail term after pleading guilty to possession of two bottles of after-shave lotion stolen Dec. 15 from Shoppers Drug Mart, 1302 Douglas.

The sentence will run at the same time as a term he is serving for failing to pay a fine for impaired driving.

Possession of an unregistered restricted handgun resulted in a \$100 fine for Reno Andre Legault, 38, of 1468 Dallas.

Legault pleaded guilty to the charge laid Saturday when police found a .22-calibre Browning target gun in his apartment.

He told the court he had acquired the gun as collateral for a \$100 loan.

Richard Noel Steeds, 17, of 708 Suffolk, pleaded guilty to car theft and will be sentenced Monday.

Prosecutor Peter Hull said

PRO SOCCER POST
NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Ehlinger, a veteran sports executive, has been appointed as the first deputy commissioner of the 20-team North American Soccer League.

Steeds was in a car that had been stopped by police at about 11 a.m. Dec. 12 at Quadra and Fort just three minutes after the vehicle had been reported stolen.

An unusual charge of stealing a letter from the post office was read against 25-year-old Susan Darlene Smith of 2501 Blanshard.

McAdam remanded her one week for plea.

In Judge Fred Green's traffic court Gilbert Louis Dixon, 46, of Courtenay, Gary Raymond Rivers, 18, of 911 Lavender, and Stephen Charles Walter, 19, of 2161 Haultain, were each fined \$375 for impaired driving. In addition Rivers and Walter were ordered to attend the impaired drivers course.

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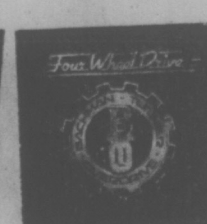
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Christmas Given Back

CINCINNATI (UPI) — Christmas has been returned to the Wendling family.

Last week, Mr. and Mrs. John Wendling, both physically disabled, discovered that all the Christmas presents they had purchased for their four children had been stolen from a storage room in their apartment building.

Dependent on government assistance cheques, and with no more money coming into

the home until after New Year's Day, Betty Wendling lamented, "I don't know what we can do."

But some friends knew.

Soon after the family's situation was publicized, gifts began pouring into the family's home.

Mrs. Wendling, confined to a wheelchair because of a heart condition and an arthritic hip, cried when the gifts began arriving.

"I didn't know things like this could happen," she said. "It has brought back my belief in people."

Mrs. Wendling said she wanted to send "thank you" notes, but many of the gifts arrived anonymously.

"So, I'm saying a prayer for each and every person," she said.

Gifts included clothing, food, gift certificates for department stores and even cash.

COST CUTTING

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — "Cut your Christmas costs — Shoplift," say leaflets which have turned up at Charlotte's two largest shopping malls.

The advice is next to a smiling Santa. The leaflets also say:

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There is no indication as to who distributed the leaflets.

Superman to the Rescue

NEW YORK (AP) — Superman came to the aid of his creators Tuesday, writing a happy ending to their sad tale of a fortune signed away in youthful naivete.

Warner Communications Inc. announced it will pay Joe Shuster and Jerry Siegel \$200,000 a year each for life "in recognition of their past services and out of concern for their present circumstances."

Shuster and Siegel, who created Superman — the

mythical man of steel — 42 years ago, signed away all rights in 1938 for the sum of \$130 so they have received no royalties over the years.

While National Periodical Publications Inc., a Warner subsidiary, continued to make money from Superman — \$3 million from one recent movie deal alone — Shuster and Siegel encountered hard times.

Both men now are 61. Siegel is blind in one eye and lives in

a New York apartment. Shuster has been making \$7,000 a year as a mail clerk in Los Angeles.

For years both men said nothing while complicated litigation over Superman rights was in the courts but recently they decided to speak out. They appealed to the public to help them get a share of the millions generated by Superman.

Warner has no legal obliga-

tion but it opened with an offer of \$10,000 a year for life and eventually more than doubled that before reaching the final agreement which Shuster and Siegel termed fair and generous.

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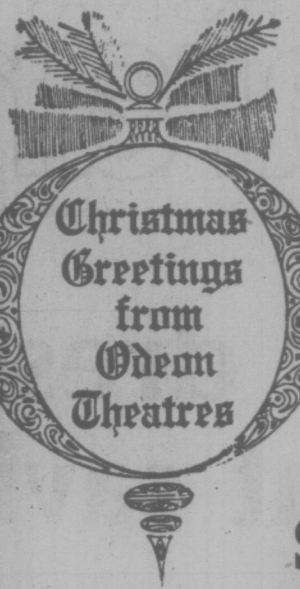
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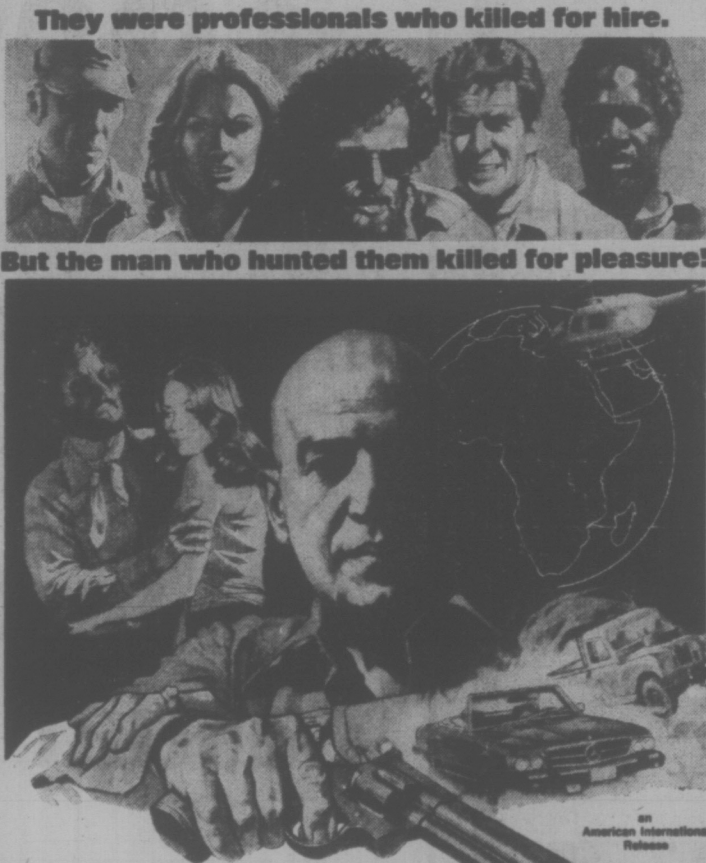

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mas," Cash said Tuesday. "I just feel good about the day."

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ROLLING STONE

STEVIE WONDER'S long-awaited next album is going to remain long-awaited for a while longer. Stevie himself told us he still could not pinpoint a release date for the oft-delayed two-record set, titled "Songs in the Key of Life" — though he thinks it should be out in January. "It doesn't matter what date I deliver the album, because whatever plans Motown's had I've blown," he said from his L.A. hotel room. "I am angry at myself. But I've got some Virgo in my charts — and Virgos believe in perfection."

Though Wonder admitted to some last-minute tinkering on the album, he said it's sounding very nearly "right" now. "This album is far more optimistic than before. And that's due to my meeting some very beautiful people. Plus, I think this is the happiest year of my life, as far as being happy within myself. I feel I know the things about me that I don't like that I have to change."

With that, Stevie played one of the cuts, the upbeat, synthesizer-popping "Talk With God"; it tells one and all to bare their troubles to the "only free psychiatrist known throughout the world." He also played the beautifully melodic and plaintive "Village Ghetto Land," on which he's backed only by the chamber music sounds of his synthesizer.

"What I'm experiencing I'd like to share with the public," Wonder added. "That's another reason why my album's late — 'cause I say, 'Wow, I just did this and this feels good, too.'"

DID HE OR DIDN'T HE? Elton John took a vacation from his vacation in Barbados by flying to Toronto in mid-November for a three-week stay. Supposedly, John made the trip to take some tennis lessons, show his mum (visiting from England) about, and visit with song collaborator Bernie Taupin, who was recording his own album. But we hear from Michael Hanlon of the Toronto Star that Elton also spent some time with Dr. Walter Unger, a dermatologist and expert in the world of hair transplants.

If the news is true, it's not surprising; in a recent magazine interview, Elton said he was considering such a remedy for his balding plate. And while Unger denied any contact with John, Star reporter Bob Graham said that when he phoned the doctor's office and said, "I'm calling about Reggie Dwight (Elton's real name)," the receptionist blurted, "What's the matter, is his scalp still bleeding?"

Observers in Toronto couldn't be sure if Elton's head had gained some hairs; though John kept in the public eye by attending a Maple Leafs hockey game and Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Revue, and by going on a three-hour 300-record shopping spree, he never took his hat or cap off.

But in Los Angeles, Connie Pappas, an executive Vice President at John Reid Enterprises, said, "As far as I know, it hasn't been done — honest."

BREAK UP EVERYBODY: Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, riding high on the charts with their latest album, Wake Up Everybody, reportedly broke up in October, following a dispute between Melvin and business manager Buddy Nolan. Melvin apparently fired Nolan, who then convinced the other Blue Notes — Bernard Wilson, Larry Brown, Jerry Cummings and lead singer Theodore Pendergrass — to form a new group without Melvin. Later, however, under pressure from their record company, Philadelphia International, Melvin and the Blue Notes decided to stay together.

Chalk up another aborted album project for Van Morrison. Morrison, who's said to have a couple of finished but rejected albums sitting in the vaults at Warner Bros., recently cut nine songs in Sausalito, with Stewart Levine (Minnie Riperton, the Crusaders) — producing. Everything seemed to be progressing well until, according to Levine, Morrison "did a complete 180 one day."

Some kind of of riff where he doesn't want to put out the album. He flopped out and demanded that the tapes should not leave the studio." Levine went on to describe Morrison as an "incredible artist but very... insecure." Morrison was unavailable for comment.

Odd coupling: Bachman-Turner Overdrive's new album, Head On, features a guest appearance by Little Richard on two cuts.

It's the first time Richard — whose manager is a friend

of BTO's manager — has \$1,000 gold crown made for played on anybody else's L.R. their way of saying album. BTO are having a thanks.

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Miners Drown

ALEKSINAC, Yugoslavia (Reuter) — Seven miners were killed after water and mud flooded a 600 yard deep underground corridor in a coal mine here. Rescue teams, at work since the accident early Monday, have recovered the seven bodies the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported.

'Colonial Vestige' Snipped

OTTAWA (CP) — Removing "one more little vestige of colonial status," the government Tuesday gave to the Governor-General a duty the Queen has held until now — that of approving all ambassadors or high commissioners.

This will include all such appointees, whether nominated by Canada or proposed for posting here by other countries.

Although no government spokesman would give a clear formal reason for the change, an external affairs official said the move would put "the

trappings of sovereignty in Canada."

The prime minister's office, asked to explain the move, said it was a matter of convenience, and saved asking the Queen for formal approval of government action.

A spokesman said it in no way compromises the position of the Queen as the head of state and head of the Commonwealth, and the move was in keeping with practices elsewhere in the Commonwealth.

The Governor-General nominally is the Queen's representative in Commonwealth countries.

The prime minister's office

said in a statement the changes do not affect the official duties of the Queen, declared head of state of Canada under the British North America Act, pertaining to ambassadors and high commissioners.

These duties were to sign letters of credence and recall for Canadian ambassadors and letters of commission and recall for Canadian high commissioners, the statement explained.

Letters of credence for ambassadors and commission for high commissioners — the ambassadors of the Com-

monwealth — are simply formal letters of introduction. Letters of recall are simply information that ambassadors or high commissioners are leaving a country.

The process to give the Governor-General the trappings of head of state gained impetus after centennial celebrations in 1967 when Roland Michener, then Canada's governor-general, travelled to several countries as the virtual head of state.

Jules Leger, 62, a career diplomat, was appointed Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada in January, 1974.

Broad Swords, TB Threats of the Job

OTTAWA (CP) — The union representing immigration officers, in a brief describing 23 incidents in which officials have been threatened or attacked, has warned that drastic action must be taken to avert the possibility of fatal injuries to its members.

In a recent submission to the manpower and immigration department obtained Tuesday, the union—a component of Public Service Alliance—says immigration officers face serious dangers to health and safety in the performance of their duties.

The 23 incidents all have occurred in the last two years and involve incidents in which unarmed officers have faced violence, chiefly from foreigners.

A special committee of the union "was able to uncover substantial evidence to justify the concern of the national executive and to conclude ... that the potential for serious illness and the risk of bodily injury were sufficient to warrant immediate preventive action on the part of the department," the brief says.

"In the committee's view it is only a matter of time before an immigration officer is fatally injured in the performance of his duties, unless drastic action is immediately taken to improve the conditions under which they are required to operate."

The brief says there is an danger to health of officers both from new arrivals and from Canadians who have been abroad and carry disease. Tuberculosis is singled out as a serious hazard.

The union suggests that the department clarify the status of immigration officials as "peace officers"; direct that criminal charges be laid in all cases of assault upon immigration officers; and provide training on how to interview and to disarm hostile and armed clients.

The department also should develop a communications system so that officers conducting investigations can maintain contacts with other officers and superiors.

"The most apparent omission is lack of training, not only for the officer at the port of entry but for the investigator," the brief says.

"The department does not seem to recognize that the client we are dealing with now are considerably more violent and obnoxious than they were 10 years ago."

Officers often must man posts between midnight and 8 a.m. in areas removed from police protection.

"Yet these officers are often required to turn back a criminal element which becomes violent on not being granted entry."

"Most officers at some time or other have dealings with mentally disturbed people. How do you learn to handle this sort of person? By experience. And you hope you don't make too many mistakes while you are acquiring it," the brief says.

"If the department expects officers to police and enforce the immigration act, then they should train them accordingly. When an officer has been severely beaten or killed it will be too late."

The brief describes chases in which officers have followed fleeing fugitives over fences and through back alleys, have fallen through doors while wrestling with wanted persons and have had to interview and apprehend persons carrying a variety of firearms.

One incident included an attack on immigration officers with a broadsword. The brief describes one situation in which a lone officer was interviewing a 17-year-old California youth who had stolen his grandmother's car and coin collection to come to Canada.

The youth handed over to the officer a loaded German pistol which he said he had used as "a credit card to get gas on my way north."

Other incidents involved drug users, often with lengthy criminal records in the U.S.

The union also says there has been in recent years an increase in the exposure of staff to diseased persons because of poor control of medical examinations.

"We have on record cases of staff dealing with clients who were such active TB cases that when the person was finally examined he was

immediately confined to hospital."

"The lack of interest shown by the department in these problems has been striking," the brief says.

An effort to have a mobile TB clinic call at the Vancouver office succeeded only after the union organized the visit.

Signed Up For Habitat

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) — Canada and the United Nations signed an agreement Tuesday covering arrangements for a UN-sponsored conference on human settlements, called Habitat, to be held in Vancouver from next May 31 to June 11.

The document, signed by Canada's UN ambassador, Saul Rae, and Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, specifies which services will be provided by the host government.



AMONG numerous pre-Christmas school activities was a lively concert entitled Holly Days presented by 150 students of Campus View Elementary. Conferring with his helpers just before

curtain time, above, is teacher Dave Ferguson with, from left, Sally Primrose, Collin Loganhume, Patricia Muller and Susan Skillings. (Bill Halkett photo)

Bikini Thesis Checked

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — An investigation is expected into Lamar University's refusal to grant a master's degree to a woman whose thesis included a photo of her wearing a two-piece bathing suit.

The investigation was requested in a letter to the department of health, education and welfare (HEW) by Prof. Dr. Virginia Currey of Southern Methodist University and Helen Martin of the Texas Women's Political Caucus.

Sandra Williams, equal-opportunity specialist in HEW's Dallas office, said an investigation can be expected when the letter arrives.

The controversy arose earlier this month when Kathryn King, 24, a mathematics graduate student, submitted her master's thesis on the use of a sextant. Included with the thesis was a photo of Miss King clad in the suit and standing on a beach with sextant in hand.

School officials told Miss King to do her thesis again and take out the photo. She refused and the university did not grant her master's degree at graduation ceremonies Dec. 20.

The letter to HEW said: "We believe no objection would have been raised to a photograph of a bathing suit clothed male scholar using a sextant by the ocean."

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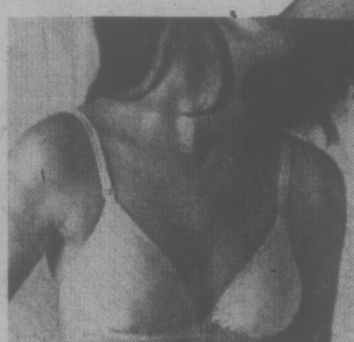
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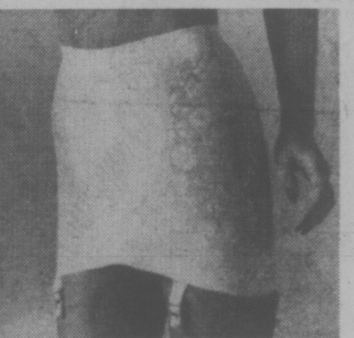
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Playtex 18-Hour Panty Girdle

Average leg panty girdle provides the exact combination of strength and softness for perfect control and comfort. Sizes S,M,L.

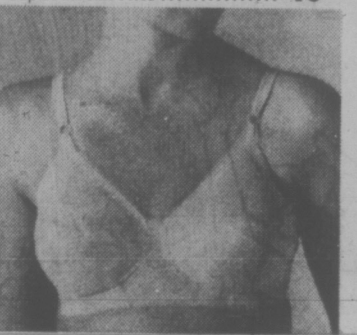
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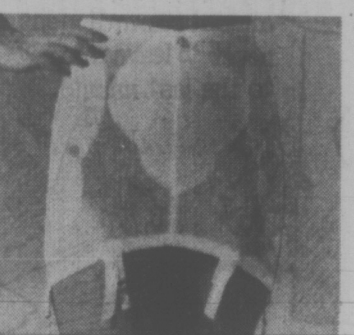
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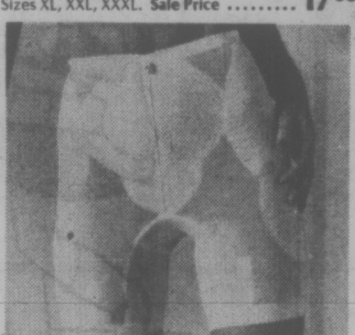
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THAT FAST, FAST, FAST RELIEF

TORONTO (CP) — Ray Fairman of Trenton, Ont., says he still finds it difficult to describe the relief and happiness he felt when an Ontario Provincial Police helicopter landed beside him recently.

"I was wet and cold after four days in the bush near White River," he said.

"It froze every night and rained for a day and a half so I couldn't have asked for a better sight."

The rescue of Mr. Fairman, who was hunting for moose when he became lost, was one of more than 800 missions OPP pilots have flown since the force put two Jet Ranger helicopters into service in November, 1974.

But not all those found by the crews are as delighted as Mr. Fairman—the rescue service is also valuable in tracking down criminals, Constable Gerry Dowd said.

When Constable Dowd recently asked his pilot to fly near the ground so he could take a closer look at a suspicious-looking gathering in the field below, the OPP crew ended up arresting a group which allegedly had been in the midst of an illegal delivery of restricted drugs.

Police regularly investigate cars the helicopter crews sight in unusual locations because stolen cars are often abandoned in remote areas. Constable Dowd said several have been recovered this way.

The longest flight so far was 1,000 miles over rugged Northern Ontario wilderness to search for a missing Indian family.

It took two days of surveillance to find the seven, who had been stranded without food after their snowmobiles ran out of fuel.

Close Air Calls More Frequent

BONN (Reuter) — When two fighter planes strayed into the airspace straight ahead of his Boeing 737, Captain Manfred Bauer saw only one way out.

Passengers catapulted from their seats as he threw the 40-ton plane into a dive. Several were slightly hurt, but the 91 people on board were lucky—it was only a "near miss."

Airline pilots and air controllers are wondering how long West Germany's luck will hold. In its crowded airspace, a near miss is reported virtually every day.

Since 1970 nearly 2,000 have been recorded over West Germany, where planes from eight air forces of the North Atlantic alliance share the airspace with airliners crisscrossing Europe.

West German air traffic controllers recall that one of the worst air disasters in history occurred in mid-air when a fighter plane and an airliner collided over Japan in 1971, killing 162 people.

The federal air safety agency says military planes are involved in seven out of 10 near misses.

The recent incident with the two West German Fiat G-91 fighters prompted West Germany's Lufthansa airline, whose Boeing was involved, to appeal for action by the transport ministry.

One of the main points Lufthansa made was that co-ordinated air traffic control was needed for all flights over West Germany, whether military or civilian.

At present, the 570,000 airliner flights each year are guided by civilian traffic controllers while air force controllers watch military flights on their own radar screens.

Co-operation between West German and NATO military air controllers and their civilian counterparts is inadequate, says the air safety office.

For one thing, although a civilian controller sees a military plane as a dot on his radar screen, the only person who knows its air speed, altitude and direction is its military controller.

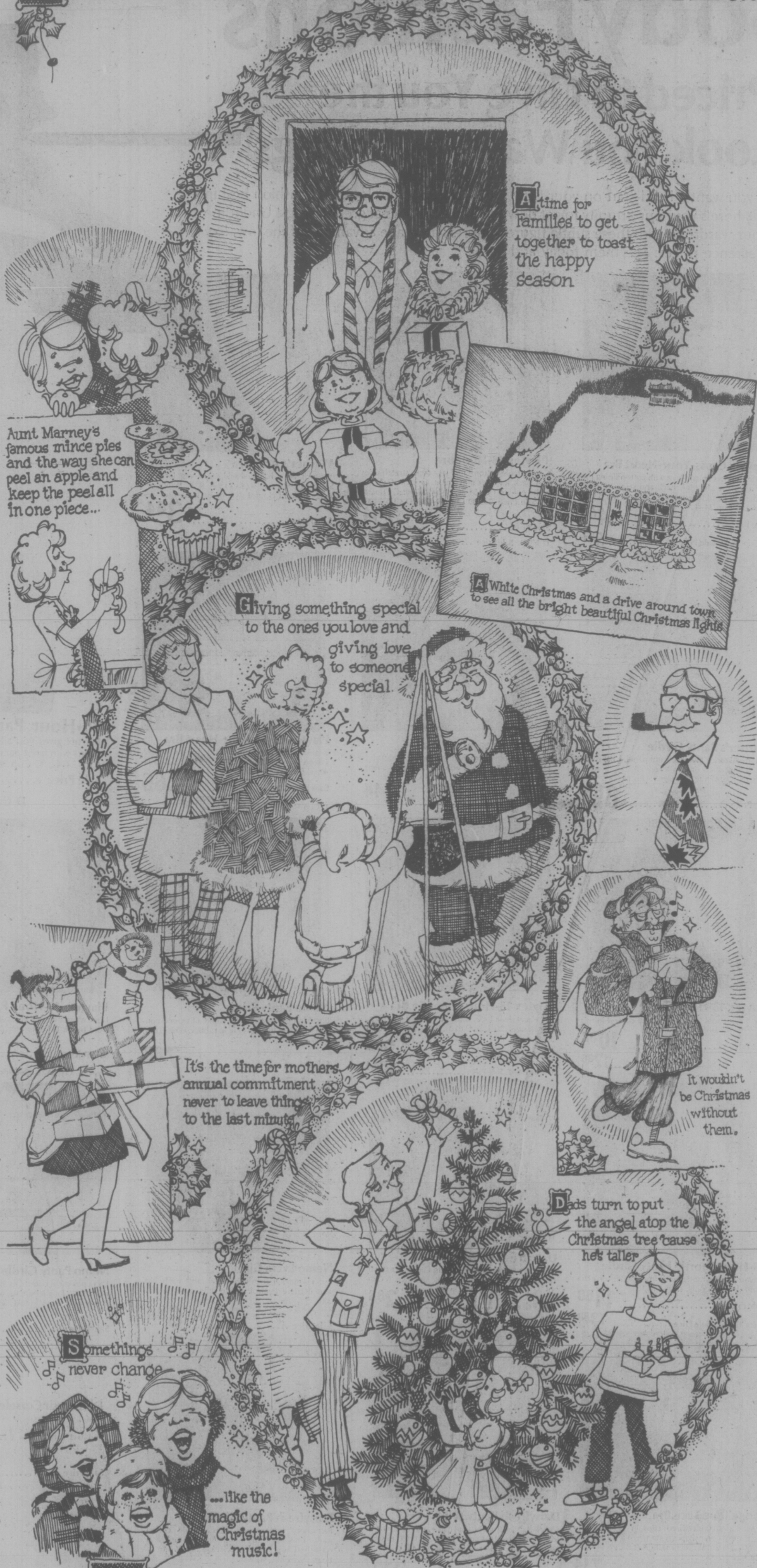
Military pilots are allowed to fly without radar supervision from the ground. All too often, as happened with the Lufthansa Boeing, everything depends on the pilot himself spotting an oncoming aircraft in time.

One plan that might improve air safety—an all-European "Eurocontrol" of military and civilian flights—has so far been realized only in part.

The Eurocontrol centre at Maasricht in Holland controls flights in the upper air space over Belgium and northern Germany, but the Bonn government is believed to have reservations about a new centre in Karlsruhe in southern Germany.

Bonn apparently prefers the idea of having a national traffic control centre in Holland—not least because "Eurocontrollers" command a far higher salary than the state-employed West German controllers.

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Aspic Star Buffet Backup

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This light and refreshing, tart-sweet tomato pickle aspic, not just an ornament, provides the needed flavor contrast to a rich and heavy meal. Aspics are a Canadian tradition perhaps adapted from those savory jellied stocks — or aspics — that fill the famous cold meat pies the English love so well.

HOLIDAY STAR SALAD (Makes 6 to 8 servings)

3 cups tomato juice
1 cup finely chopped onions
1 bay leaf
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
dash pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
6 tablespoons sweet pickle liquid (drained from sweet gherkins)
3 packages unflavored gelatin
1-3 cup finely chopped sweet gherkins
1 cup water
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup sour cream
Sliced sweet gherkins for garnish
Parsley or celery tops (for garnish)
Cream cheese, softened, optional

In medium saucepan, combine 2 cups tomato juice, onion, bay leaf, sugar, salt, pepper and 1/2 cup celery; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, combine remaining tomato juice, 1 table-



spoons sweet pickle liquid, 2 packages unflavored gelatin, chopped sweet gherkins and remaining celery. Stir gelatin mixture into hot tomato mixture until gelatin is completely dissolved. Remove bay leaf. Reserve 2 cups tomato mixture at room temperature. Pour remaining mixture into a 6-cup star mold. Chill until almost set but sticky to the touch, about 1 hour. Meanwhile in small saucepan, combine water, remaining 2 tablespoons pickle liquid

and remaining package unflavored gelatin. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until gelatin is completely dissolved. Cool slightly. Stir in sour cream and mayonnaise until well mixed. Pour mayonnaise mixture over partially set tomato mixture in mold. Chill until almost set but still sticky, about 30 minutes. Then pour on remaining tomato mixture over mayonnaise layer. Cover and chill until set, about 2 hours.

To serve, unmold gelatin onto platter. Garnish with pickles and parsley or celery tops. If desired, place cream cheese in pastry bag, use to pipe top of mold.

Christmas Pudding A Crowning Touch

TINY BENNETT

The crowning touch to a fine Christmas dinner is a small slice of traditional pudding served with a hard sauce or cream.

The genuine English Christmas pudding is a very rich, dark dessert filled with fruit and nuts, carefully spiced and mixed with rum and ale.

I notice that when I bring it to the table decorated with a sprig of holly and flaming with a spot of warmed brandy, everybody groans and protests they don't have room for a single morsel more. But they will have just a little bit with a dabble of sauce. Before you know what has happened, it's all gone. The reason for this is that such a pudding provides just the right touch to round out the meal.

This style of boiled suet pudding is very English and has never really played much of a role in the North American cuisine.

So as a special treat, I present a superb, true English recipe that I got in a recipe swap with Vera Lynn, the singing Forces Sweetheart of the Second World War. I cook it every year.

There is a long list of ingredients in this pudding but it is one of the most simple desserts one can make. It should be cooked right now, because when kept for awhile, the pudding matures and grows in flavor. Vera's recipe makes two nice-sized puddings, so you could have one on Christmas Day and the other at New Year's.

Don't fuss about it going off, I've kept pudding from this recipe for many months in the fridge — and my aunt used to make her pudding a year in advance and store them in a cool pantry.

Buying my ingredients this

year, I found that some dried fruits now come in odd weights, such as 15 ounces, instead of a pound. Don't worry, just get the weight of the fruit roughly correct, for this is a very simple mixed and boiled pudding that allows room for such changes.

VERA LYNN'S CHRISTMAS PUDDING

In your biggest mixing bowl, mix one pound dark raisins, one pound golden rais-

mace. Add and stir in four ounces dark rum and add ale or stout in dribbles, stirring until the mix reaches a stiff dropping consistency.

It is traditional to allow all the family to give a final stir to the mix, while making a wish, and in my house everybody fights to finger-lick what's left in the mixing bowl.

Lightly butter two pudding basins and three-quarters fill. Cut out rounds of waxed

up the basins and boil steadily for eight hours, adding more boiling water when necessary.

These puddings are quite sturdy, so if it is more convenient, boil for four hours one day and finish for four hours the next day.

When finished, lift out, allow to cool, remove the cloth covers, but not the wax paper rounds, and replace with clean, fresh dry cloths. Store in the fridge and on Christmas day boil as before, but for two hours and serve with hot or cold egg custard, hard brandy sauce or pass sweet cream; NEVER serve with ice cream.

It is fun to do a dramatic presentation of the pudding, by turning it out onto a shallow dish, decorating with a sprig of holly and bring it in flaming into a darkened dining room.

All this takes is to warm a tablespoon of brandy or rum, pour all over the top of the pudding and ignite with a match. Don't use a lighter, unless you enjoy the taste of gasoline.

Since it is so rich and filling and following rather a large meal, servings should be small, which makes a modest-sized pudding go a long way. If in doubt, boil up both, since the leftovers are delicious for the Boxing Day feast of cold turkey and salad. Simply slice, dust with sugar and heat in a hot oven for 10 minutes.

My favorite way with leftover Christmas pudding is to slice it, sautee in butter and dust with sugar before serving.

Do try to keep one longer for you'll be really amazed at the added flavor that comes with maturity; made this way they are good for months.

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sins, one pound currents, one pound brown sugar, 1/2 pound chopped beef suet, 1/2 pound mixed, chopped candied peel, 1/2 pound all-purpose flour, four ounces chopped almonds, one grated carrot, one tablespoon molasses, juice of one lemon plus grated peel, one teaspoon salt.

Lightly beat six eggs and stir in thoroughly, then add one teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice, 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves, dash of dried grated ginger, dash of powdered

paper and fit on top of the pudding mix — I always use the wrap from butter — and damp and lightly flour one side of two clean dish towels and tie them firmly to cover the basins.

It is important that water doesn't get in with the pudding, so tie these cloths down tight with the string beneath the basin lip and then turn up the corners and knot across the top to form invaluable handles. Now place in a large stove-top pot, pour in boiling water to three-fourths the way



CHANCE

Did God take his chances on a son sent to fill flesh? Was such metamorphosis a divine risk?

Once embodied might he not find earth's poignancies too sharp, sweet flesh too sweet to soon discard?

Might not man's joys (the growing of body, mind and will, knowing companionship, the taste of shared bread, the smell of olives new-carved wood, and wine, morning's chill on a bare head, rough warm wool, a near, dust-blue Judean hill evening's shhine of oil lamps through an open door, day's work, tired muscles a bed on the floor) make up for his limitations?

Might he not even wish for a peaceful death from old age?

Ah, Father, but you knew the incarnation was no gamble! We are the risk you run. Our destiny is not so clearly defined. It's either/or for us.

And when I say you took no chance on him, he being our one chance of heaven, I mean rather once chosen, he's no chance but certainty.

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Food Activist Honors List

By FRANCES CERRA

NEW YORK (NYT) — Paul Horvat and Dorothy Shavers, James McHale, Tom Kallitowski, Roberta Wloszynski, Jean Farmer. These are not exactly household names, but to U.S. food-consumer activists, they are among the Terrific Ten, heroes and heroines to be honored because they have done something about food prices, food quality or hunger where they live.

The idea of creating an honor roll of food activists comes from the Centre for Science in the Public Interest, a non-profit food activist organization based in Washington. Last April 8, the centre sponsored a national Food Day that attempted to bring together a variety of interest

groups — students, anti-poverty and world hunger organizations, farmers, unions and local governments, among others — in a common demonstration on food problems.

As a focal point for the protests, the centre designated certain foods as the Terrific Ten, foods it regards as over-processed, overly preserved and overly sweetened. For next year's Food Day — again scheduled for April 8 — the centre has decided to focus also on positive models of what can be done to affect the food supply. Thus, the Terrific Ten.

Horvat and Miss Shavers organized the Self-Help Action Centre in Chicago, which brings farmers and their produce directly into contact with inner-city consumers, thus bypassing middlemen and making lower prices possible. About 45,000 Chicagoans are said to be benefiting from the system.

McHale is Pennsylvania's secretary of agriculture. Besides encouraging small-scale farming and direct marketing of food to consumers by farmers, McHale has supervised the transformation of idle state land into community farms. Excess land at hospitals and prisons has been turned into such farms.

Kallitowski is Minnesota's assistant commissioner of agriculture. He has been vigorously enforcing the state's Family Farm Act, which, among other things, prohibits the entry of non-family corporations into agriculture.

Miss Wloszynski, the director of the consumer affairs unit in Syracuse, N.Y., talked local supermarkets into paying for and distributing 100,000 food-stamp information booklets. Then she opened a hotline to her office to handle food-stamp complaints and inquiries.

Miss Farmer, who lives in Bloomington, Ind., was concerned about the sale of exclusively "junk" foods — candy and soft drinks — in school vending machines. After campaigning for a year, she succeeded in changing the contents of the vending machines so that now they sell fruit, nuts, milk, yogurt and fruit juices.

Lobster Newburg Is Easy

By MARY MOORE

QUESTION: I have read and enjoyed many of your recipes. Now could you please help me with a problem? While in Nova Scotia my husband brought back 60 pounds of cooked lobsters which I froze right away. I would like to have a dinner party and serve these lobsters. Could you suggest a simple way to serve them and what you suggest serving with lobster? Mrs. Pauline S.

ANSWER: The recipe for Lobster Newburg is very easy. We served ours with fluffy rice and Artichoke Salad.

LOBSTER NEWBURG

(Serves 6 Generously)

2 14-oz. can fresh frozen lobster (or equivalent canned)
6 tbsp. butter
1-3 cup medium dry white wine or sherry
1 1/2 cups 32 per cent cream (divided — see below)
5 egg yolks
1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1/4 tsp. salt

Shake of cayenne pepper.

In large enamel or stainless steel frypan or saucepan (or top pan of chafing dish) melt butter until foamy only. Drain and break up lobster into bite-size pieces. Add to butter, stirring constantly for 2 minutes. Add wine or sherry and one cup cream and bring just to boil, then lower heat and cook, stirring 2 minutes.

In a small bowl beat yolks with remaining 1/2 cup cream. Stir slowly into lobster mixture and cook, stirring until sauce thickens somewhat. DO NOT BOIL. Remove from heat, add salt, lemon juice and cayenne and serve over rice: 1 cup long grain raw rice, 3/4 teaspoon salt, 2 1/2 cups boiling water, cooked covered 30 minutes.

ARTICHOKE SALAD

(Serves 6)

1 pkg. fresh frozen French artichoke hearts
6 inner lettuce leaves
2 small ripe tomatoes cut into wedges
12 stuffed olives
About 1-3 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. chopped chives (fresh or freeze-dried).
Cook frozen artichokes in salted water to cover for 10 minutes. Drain. Chill. Arrange in 6 wooden salad bowls lined with lettuce, with small wedge of tomato between each artichoke heart. Stir chives into mayonnaise and spoon some at centre of each salad. Top with two olives. Different. Delicious.

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BREAKFAST BREAD



One of MOTHER's friends, Edwin R. Pugsley, would like to pass along the following recipe to all MOTHER's readers. It's for Breakfast Bread and it goes like this:

2 cups buttermilk
1 1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup molasses
2 teaspoons soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups of whole-wheat flour
1/2 cup of wheat germ
1 cup white flour
1/4 cup raisins (optional)

Mix together the buttermilk, honey, molasses, soda and salt. Then, in another bowl, combine the whole-wheat and white flour and add that blend to the buttermilk mixture. Stir in the raisins and pour the batter into a 9x5x3 loaf pan. Preheat your oven to 400F, turn it back to 350F, slide in the pan and bake the bread for one hour. Turn the loaf out, inverted, on a rack to cool . . . and wait one day before slicing and toasting this breakfast bread.

FREE FOR THE ASKING

By HARRIET HART

Virtually every function of the federal government involves money.

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Chapter two is by far the longest and the most interesting. It tells you, for example, that the largest single share of the federal budget is earmarked for health and welfare, including medical and hospital care, public health, income maintenance and social assistance. You are told that the New Horizons grants, which support senior citizens group who organize activities to alleviate the social isolation of the elderly, have been

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DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and have recently met a very attractive, intelligent, sensitive 21-year-old woman.

So what's my problem? Our relationship seems to be on two levels. My feeling for her is on a romantic level, but she says she wants to keep our relationship on a friendship level.

I am content to wait and let our relationship grow, but my friends advise me to quit seeing her. What do you say? — HOPEFUL BUT UNCERTAIN.

DEAR HOPEFUL: Continue to see her and if she doesn't get on your level by St. Valentine's Day, level with her. Tell her you want a sweetheart, not a buddy.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter has been keeping steady company with a young man for the last three years. They met at college and both graduated last June.

We have never met David's parents, although we've talked to them on the phone. They seem like nice people.

David now has a good job. I told him I'd like to meet his parents, and he said he'd get us together "soon." Meanwhile months go by and we haven't met them yet.

When my wife told David we'd like to invite his parents to our home, he said his father was rather "unfriendly" and it would be better if we met at the wedding! Abby, my daughter doesn't even have a ring, and no official announcement of her engagement was ever made, so a "wedding" is a long way off.

He told me he loved our daughter and his intentions were honorable, but when I asked him when they were getting engaged, he said, "That will have to wait. I'm fresh out of college and only just started work."

Abby, I told my wife if David has serious intentions with our daughter, we'd have met his parents already. My wife says I should keep out of it — kids do things differently nowadays. Our daughter says she loves him, but isn't pushing for marriage. I say if he loved her, he'd become engaged even if they couldn't marry for five years. What do you say? — DELAWARE DAD.

DEAR DAD: I'm on your wife's side. Don't pressure David. He's obviously not financially ready for marriage. Etiquette doesn't demand that parents meet until the couple becomes officially engaged. As long as your daughter is satisfied, butt out, Dad.

DEAR ABBY: Recently I lent my ID to a friend and he got into trouble while carrying my ID in his wallet.

It has caused me a lot of trouble, and now my name is in records and files where I don't want it to be.

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— DUMB BUT LEARNING

DEAR DUMB: Done!

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What's in Those Cereals, Anyway?

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A couple of weeks ago, we had a family with young children as weekend guests, and I was sent out to do the Saturday grocery shopping, among other things, to buy a quantity of dry breakfast cereals. When I got to that part of the supermarket, I found myself confronted with the mind-boggling selection that all of our regular shoppers are.

As I looked at the array and began to read the lists of ingredients, I became increasingly disturbed by one large question: Just how much cereal is in these products?

As you already know, the ingredients in a package must be listed in order of predominance. Those that read "100 per cent whole wheat" left little doubt. But what about those that read "whole wheat, sugar, etc." Were they 97 per cent wheat and two or three per cent sugar or 50 per cent wheat and 49 per cent sugar? And exactly how much sugar is there in the ones that listed "sugar, wheat, corn syrup, etc." in that order?

All of the questions would be answered if the label had to list ingredients according to percentage of total content. But the U.S. Food and Drug Administration refuses to consider percentage labeling, claiming that consumers can "get the picture of content" from listing ingredients in the order of predominance.

Besides, the FDA says it re-

ally doesn't matter how much sugar is in a breakfast cereal, maintaining that there is "no solid scientific evidence" that sugar is a health hazard — despite the fact that many doctors who deal with obesity or diabetes and nearly every dentist would strongly disagree with this!

The FDA also defends its position by insisting that the present methods of analysis for added sugars — specifically sucrose and glucose — are too imprecise to make percentage labeling enforceable.

But the fact is that this simply is not so. Precise methods are a bit of a bother to be sure. But they do exist, and they enable an analyst to come within a few percentage points of determining the precise amount of added sugars.

Dr. Ira Shannon and his co-workers at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Houston recently analysed 78 ready-to-eat breakfast cereals for sucrose and glucose content, and the results clearly show why many cereal manufacturers would prefer not to have percentage labeling of their ingredients, particularly when it comes to white or brown sugar, corn or maple syrups, or honey.

Dr. Shannon found only eight of 78 cereals had less than 5 per cent of the total content devoted to sugar. These were Shredded Wheat, Cheerios, Puffed Rice, Uncle Sam, Wheat Chex, Grape Nut Flakes and Puffed Wheat. Twelve other brands, including Alpen, Post Toasties, Product 19, Total, Wheaties, Grape Nuts and Corn Chex, contained 5 to 10 per cent sugar.

Then the percentage really began to rise. Twenty-three cereals proved to be 10 to 25 per cent sugar, including Special K, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies and most of the "bran" and "natural" cereals. Plain Heartland was found to be about 26 per cent sugar, and Bran Buds was 32 per cent.

A total of 24 of the 78 cereals contained 25 to 50 per cent sugar, and even their names hint at their candylike nature — Sugar Sparkled Corn Flakes (34 per cent sugar) or Froot Loops (47.9 per cent). Finally, Dr. Shannon found 11

that were more than 50 per cent sugar, with Super Orange Crisp leading the list with 68 per cent sucrose and 2.8 per cent glucose — a total of 70.8 per cent sugar.

The sad fact of it all is that these sugar-filled concoctions are the very ones most advertised on children's weekend TV programs.

The cereal industry defends itself by claiming that when milk is added, these products assure a harried mother that her children will eat a good breakfast. They also insist that, sugared or not, most cereals contain the same percentage of nutrients. But is this really true? Are cereals that are little more than vitamin-fortified sugar as nutritious as those with a minimum of added sugar and a fair amount of the whole grain? I say no, they are not.

Whole grain cereals provide protein, calcium, iron, trace minerals, B vitamins, vitamin E in the germ and fiber in the bran. But some of these nutrients are missing from the high-sugar cereals, which are essentially fortified candy, containing other nutrients never found in an ear of corn

or grain of wheat. In fact, some of these so-called cereals contain less protein than a candy bar.

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Cereal Differences

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QUESTION: Is it no longer necessary to warm a bottle of milk or milk formula before giving it to the baby?

ANSWER: Research indicates that infants respond normally when fed a cold bottle of milk or a bottle of milk from which only the chill had been removed. No harmful effects have been noted, and the infants fed the cold or cool milk had growth rates similar

to those of infants given warmed formulas. It might be well to check with your doctor before changing an infant's feeding however, and certainly check it with the infant to see how he responds.

QUESTION: Citric acid is used as a food additive; is it dangerous in small amounts?

ANSWER: Citric acid is the naturally-occurring acid which helps to give citrus fruits their zippy flavour. The human can metabolize citric acid completely; therefore, there is no reason to be concerned about consuming citric acid. It is, in fact, an intermediate in normal body metabolism of carbohydrate.

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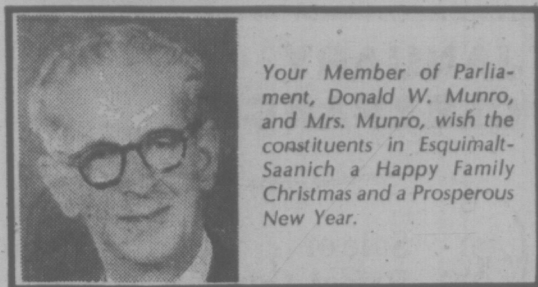
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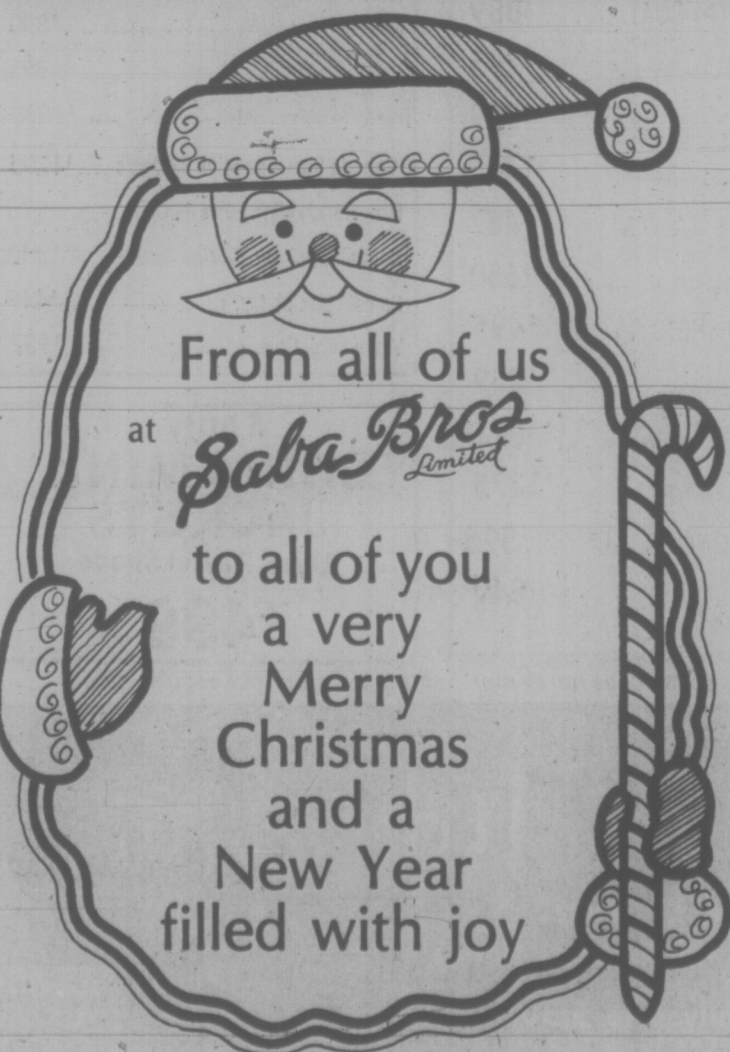
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Turkey sandwiches, always a favorite, can be even better with more than that humdrum lettuce and tomato. Try some sandwiches with deviled ham, cole slaw and turkey on pumpernickel bread, or liverwurst spread, mustard, and turkey on white bread. Another extra, cranberry sauce, is also great in sandwiches, especially with turkey, lettuce and deviled ham. If you let

the nibblers get at these, you'll have nothing to hide.

TURKEY DAY SPECIAL
8 slices pumpernickel bread
Mayonnaise
1 1/4 ounce can deviled ham
4 slices turkey
1/2 cup cole slaw

Spread slices of bread with mayonnaise and then deviled ham. Top with slices of turkey and cole slaw. Close sandwiches with remaining slices of bread. Makes 4 sandwiches.

SUPPER SPECIAL
8 slices white bread
Mustard
1 1/4 ounce can liverwurst spread
4 lettuce leaves
4 slices turkey

Spread slices of bread with mustard and the liverwurst spread. Top with lettuce leaves and slices of turkey. Close sandwiches with remaining slices of bread. Makes four sandwiches.

HAM AND TURKEY SPECIAL

8 slices white bread
2 tablespoons butter
1 1/4 ounce can deviled ham
4 slices turkey
1/4 cup cranberry sauce
4 lettuce leaves

Spread four slices bread with butter, then deviled ham. Top each with a slice of turkey and a spoonful of cranberry sauce. Cover with a piece of lettuce. Top with remaining bread. Makes four sandwiches.

USE THAT POWDERED INSTANT SKIM MILK

By PETER THOMSON
Times Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA — The Food Prices Review Board has urged consumers to take advantage of low prices for powdered skim milk, and asked processors to widen the price difference between whole milk and skim milk.

In a report of dairy food prices the board stated that at current subsidized prices instant skim milk powder allows consumers to reconstitute skim milk at less than half the price of even the cheapest quart of fluid skim milk.

Consumers generally have shown an "amazing indifference" to this unique food bargain, the report says. "Consumers cannot expect governments to do everything for them."

"Skim milk powder is a price and nutrition bargain from which the consumer can only benefit if he or she acts to take advantage of it," declared Beryl Plumtre, board chairman.

To help overcome consumer indifference the Board urged that governments and processors initiate an aggressive campaign to increase consumer awareness of the product.

The board also recommended that relative wholesale prices for skim, two per cent and homo milk reflect the amount of butterfat removed from raw milk to produce each product.

At current butterfat values, this would result in two per cent and skim milk selling at four and 11 cents per quart less respectively than whole milk. Corrective action is particularly needed in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver among seven cities surveyed.

Arguing that retail pricing of milk on the basis of a fixed percentage of wholesale price lists, has served to increase retail prices unduly.

Retail price spreads should reflect more closely the retail merchandising costs of this product.

On that basis, the Board says, milk prices in Toronto

should be reduced by at least three cents a quart.

The board also found that retail margins on butter averaged about three cents a pound while on a house brand of mild cheddar cheese it averaged 25 cents a pound.

Retail merchandising costs, while slightly higher for cheese than for butter, justify only a tiny portion of the higher margin currently being charged for cheese.

Cheese is an important food item, the Board notes, vastly superior to butter.

The board recommended that where processor price spreads are determined by regulation, as opposed to market competition, such a determination should be made by "an independent government agency."

The establishment of minimum wholesale prices for fluid milk by some provincial agencies, is a practice that should be discontinued.

The mandatory addition of Vitamins A and D to milk products to bring the products to recommended levels, should not be delayed.

There should be no restriction on mixing or blending of butter and margarine for sale.

Regulatory measures which encourage home delivery service should be discontinued.

One Way to Cut Grocery Bills

SEATTLE (AP) — A number of Seattle residents, from suburban housewives to skid row denizens, have discovered a sure-fire method of cutting their grocery costs.

They do their "shopping" from the garbage dumps behind grocery stores.

The trend is motivating grocers to put locks on their garbage cans.

"If some people think it's degrading to get food out of the trash, they should consider that it is even more degrading, dehumanizing and sinful for good food to go to waste," reasoned Alice Ray-Kell, 29, mother of two children and resident of a Catholic Worker Community house.

She said her group feeds five adult residents, her two children and an average of 400 guests a year at a price of 10 cents a meal because they use garbage. She said the group once found 130 dozen eggs behind a Safeway store, decided the eggs would make

good omelettes and returned to the dump where they dug out 40 pounds of good cheese.

The Catholic Workers call the practice "gleaning," while others call it "trashing" and "dumpstering."

Phil Andrus, 28, a radio program producer, said he and two teachers live off a heavy diet of garbage-can food. On Monday he found "a fine eggplant, a whole pile of tomatoes, some potatoes that needed scrubbing and a couple of heads of cabbage" behind his favorite grocery store.

"We are fairly cautious, we don't eat anything that doesn't look good," he said.

A housewife from suburban Bellevue, who preferred to remain unidentified, said she learned how to "dumpster" from her grown children.

Re, 53, a skid row resident, feeds himself and two neighbors on what he calls "Virginia Street Stew." He said he prefers the garbage to food stamps and welfare.



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As a matter of fact, the fuzzy little rodent made his appearance at Seattle's prestigious Olympic Hotel Tuesday decked out in a Evel Knievel-style cape with red, white and blue stars.

Geronimo was smooth as ever while photographers and reporters surrounded him. He answered no questions, instead choosing to sit regally on the fur-lined pillow on which he arrived.

Geronimo was at the Olympic as part of a publicity stunt for Seattle's Pacific Science Centre and as part of a demonstration project by students of Gig Harbor's Ardonale Elementary School.

Students there are busy training rats to jump off 12-foot platforms in exchange for a hunk of leftover breakfast toast. They are also teaching them to go through intricate mazes as part of their science studies.

A bevy of hotel hostesses lined the corridor to the Queen's Room, where Geronimo, surrounded by pictures of the city's past Seafair princesses, was to make his historic 12-foot leap.

The drumroll began as Greg Ison, Geronimo's trainer, hoisted the rat up to a platform far above the head of spectators.

Geronimo paused for a moment, wiggled his tail, and then jumped.

To everyone's surprise but eh children's, Geronimo landed safely and softly in Ison's outstretched hands.



Geronimo and sixth-grade trainer Greg Ison

Some 30,000 to 40,000 persons—mostly kids—have viewed the daring demonstration, said Virgil Harwood, an Ardonale teacher and originator of the Rats Galore science project.

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CANCER RISE SEEN WITH SPRAY CANS

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. environmental group, asking a ban on fluorocarbon-propelled aerosol spray cans, predicts there will be a 700-per-cent increase in skin cancer in the United States in the next 30 years unless the cans are banned.

The Natural Resources Defence Council was joined by 10 states and two other environmental groups Tuesday in petitioning the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to have the spray cans banned.

Thomas Steel, lawyer for the council, said the fluorocarbon compounds deplete the atmosphere's gaseous ozone layer. This envelope of ozone, a form of oxygen, weakens the sun's ultraviolet radiation, a known cause of skin cancer.

Steel predicted that continued use of the cans would cause a seven to 15 per cent depletion in the layer in the next three decades and cause an increase in skin cancer in the U.S. to 300,000 cases a year from 42,000.

Last July, the Consumer Product Safety Commission rejected a petition similar to the one submitted Tuesday, saying there was no evidence to support the contentions of the petitioners.

Stadium Smoking Appeal Launched

DETROIT (AP) — A West Bloomfield Township lawyer who sued to stop smoking in the Pontiac Stadium has filed another suit, this time against the three appeals court judges who ruled in favor of smoking.

Lawrence Stockler, in a suit filed Tuesday, says three Michigan Court of Appeals judges violated his civil rights during last Friday's emergency hearing on the smoking ban.

He said he was given only a 45-minute notice before he had to appear in court to argue the case and did not have time to read the brief filed by opposing lawyers.

Instead of damages, Stockler has asked a federal judge to require the appeals

court judges—John Gillie, George Bashara and Nathan Kaufman—to read the Declaration of Independence 100 times and to review the Magna Carta, the U.S. constitution and its amendments, as well as applicable case law.

The domed stadium, which opened last fall, is the home of the National Football League Detroit Lions and is also used for concerts.

Stockler, a Lions' season ticket holder, sought the ban because he claimed that smoking in the stadium is a health danger and a fire hazard.

A preliminary ban on smoking was issued a week ago by Circuit Court Judge William Beer but was reversed by the appeals court.

Highest Malpractice Claims Paid by Anesthesiologists

SALEM, Ore. (UPI) — Obstetricians and gynecologists in surgical practice draw the most malpractice claims but patients obtain the highest payments from anesthesiologists in malpractice cases, preliminary results of a U.S. national survey indicate.

The study is being made by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners under direction of Lewister Rawls, Oregon state insurance commissioner and chairman of the association's subcommittee on professional liability.

The association surveyed insurance companies to determine the number and nature of claims. The first of four volumes of results was released this month.

Rawls said the report is of limited value in drawing conclusions because the number of claims reported is small—about 5,000 so far. "We plan to have 13,000 to 15,000 claims as a data base," he said.

The report summarizes 2,450 claims closed by 34 companies on or after July 1 this year. The study will continue through next June 30.

The 2,450 claims were against 71 classifications of specialists.

Of these, 199 were against obstetricians and gynecologists in surgical procedures, 174 were against cardiologists not performing surgery, 151 against orthopedists and 119 against anesthesiologists. Only six malpractice claims were made involving cardiac surgery.

Payments averaged \$26,273 in claims against anesthesiologists, \$11,741 against orthopedists, \$10,429 against cardiologists not performing surgery and \$6,843 against obstetricians and gynecologists.

The preliminary study found for adults it was an average of 12 months between the time of an alleged incident of malpractice until it was reported and an average of 15 months from occurrence to report for minors.

Oregon had only 15 cases in the report with an average of 10 months from incident to report.

The time from report to disposition of malpractice suits was 17 months nationwide and 10 months in Oregon.

The report showed 48 per cent of the claims were against more than one person.

Of 4,348 claims of malpractice, 3,192 occurred in regular hospital facilities, 239 in emergency rooms and 575 in doctor's offices. The others

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Doctors at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre said it would take three to four weeks to determine whether the procedure was a success.

Brad Berger, 25, of Hayden Lake, Idaho, will remain in isolation at the hospital waiting to see if his body accepts the bone marrow drawn from his younger sister.

The transplant was supervised by Dr. E. Donnall Thomas, head of the centre's department of medical oncology. He developed the procedure in 1956.

The doctors administered a normally lethal dose of radiation to Berger to destroy all the bone marrow in his body and, hopefully, all of the leukemia cells.

About a pint of bone marrow was drawn from his sister, Doreen Richardson, 21, of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, and transplanted intravenously to Berger.

The bone marrow automatically finds its way to the marrow cavities, doctors said,

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The head of a U.S. House of Representatives panel thinks a reported crop failure of 14,000 tons of opium poppies in Turkey may be a cover story for plans to stash the opium until a congressional furor over drug traffic has cooled.

Rep. Lester Wolff (Dem.-N.Y.), chairman of the ad hoc committee on international narcotics control, Tuesday announced the investigation would begin early next year and would include public hearings.

Last year, Turkey broke an

agreement with the United States to halt opium poppy production and, according to Wolff, forecast a 1975 bumper crop of 20,000 tons. He said the Turks are now claiming crop failure and estimating a harvest of only 6,000 tons.

Wolff said it was "impossible to believe" that 14,000 tons of poppies could simply disappear.

"I question whether or not the Turkish opium dealers have literally gone underground, since opium can be safely buried for 50 years without losing any potency," he said.

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Historic Park in Peking Bright Spot in a Drab City

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PEKING — Chung Tsao, a Qing dynasty official, built a pavilion on the south side of Peking in 1695. A place where scholars and officials gathered to drink and write poetry together, it soon became well known as the Joyous Pavilion. Historians say much of its charm had been lost by the 19th century, but, after the Communist revolution, the Chinese dug out the old man-made lakes around the pavilion and developed a park. Now Joyous Pavilion Park is one of those welcome pockets of beauty in a generally drab city. The biggest day of the year at the park is Oct. 1 when tens of thousands of people, lucky enough to obtain tickets enter the park for the National Day festivities. Similar celebrations, what the Chinese press likes to describe as "gala garden parties," are held in half a dozen parks in the Peking area. At Joyous Pavilion the lakes are probably the biggest single attraction. Teenagers line up for the chance to row one of scores of boats, decked out in special holiday bunting, back and forth across the lakes. But the park celebrations are first and foremost for the younger children. There are booths selling fruit and ice cream, still considered spe-

cial treats by children in China. Some children are fortunate enough to have parents who can afford to buy them inflatable plastic baby deer which look very much like Walt Disney's Bambi. The truism that Chinese children are indulged is evident even from their clothing. In a society where adult clothing as a rule is drab, children show up, especially on a hol-

day, in bright colors and plaid or even flowered patterns. The children themselves are the entertainers as well as the entertained. Joyous Pavilion Park has three stages set up on National Day where many of the performers are young children singing or playing musical instruments. To an outsider, it is far from clear exactly where Chou stands because quotations attributed to him by big character posters at Peking University are not put in any context and are not identified by time or place. But the quotations do all point in one direction—to his concern about standards. He is quoted as favoring the recruitment of the best-qualified students directly from high schools, thus opposing the current policy of accepting young people nominated by their fellow peasants, workers or soldiers at least partly on the basis of their political position. Chou is also quoted as suggesting that the open-school policy which requires students to spend part of the academic year in factories or communes has gone too far. "It used to be theory, practice, theory," he is quoted as complaining. "Now it's practice, practice, practice." In a quotation which must have angered some of the student poster writers, Chou declares that "today's universities are training second-class workers. They're not as good as high school students in the past, politically or vocationally." The poster writers grouped Chou's quotations with others from such arch villains of contemporary China as the ancient philosopher Confucius

Chinese Lift Veil On Education Row

By ROSS H. MUNRO
Special to the Times
PEKING — The Chinese government Tuesday lifted the veil on the current controversy surrounding education policy by allowing foreign newsmen to hear and read strong attacks against Education Minister Chou Jung-hsin. Journalists were admitted to Peking University campus where they strolled through a compound reading big character posters attacking Chou for trying to roll back the radical educational reforms of the cultural revolution. Then they heard a university official accuse Chou of "vicious slander" of the educational system. Peking correspondents, relying on foreign student sources, reported more than three weeks ago that Chou was the target of poster attacks. But the official Chinese decision to allow journalists to hear and see for themselves was unusual, all the more so because Chou is apparently still education minister and appeared as recently as last Sunday at an official function. "Our debate," said Peking University official Chang Chih-liang, "is a way of helping him realize his mistakes." Chou's basic "mistake" apparently was to call for greater emphasis on strictly academic standards for students at Chinese universities and correspondingly less emphasis on their gaining a correct political outlook from doing manual work before and during their term at university.

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and Liu Shao-chi and Lin Biao, two heirs apparent to Mao Tse-tung who were later declared traitors. The posters at Peking University, like the many articles which have appeared recently in the Chinese press, were far from a spontaneous grassroots protest. As Chang noted, the poster writing at Peking University has been "under the leadership of the party committee of the university."

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12-24

"It's gettin' dark, Mommy! Guess we better get ready for bed before You-Know-Who comes!"

The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

An oft-repeated statement made in bridge circles is "bad bidding makes good card players." Going back historically, when contract bridge was in its infancy, bidding was in a state of anarchy, with the result that horrendous contracts were frequently reached. Thus, in order to be a winner, one had to learn to play well, to overcome the bad bidding.

In today's deal we have an example of bad bidding and good play, with play emerging victorious. The hand arose in a rubber-bridge game.

Both sides vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ 10 9 7 3		♠ K Q 8 6 5 4 2	♦ J
♥ K 9		♥ 6 4	♥ 3 2
♦ 6 5 3 2		♦ —	♦ A K Q J 10 8
♦ J 10 9		♦ Q 8 6 2	♦ 7 5 4 3
SOUTH		WEST	
♠ A		♠ A	♠ A Q J 10 8 7 5
♥ A Q J 10 8 7 5		♥ 9 7 4	♥ A K
♦ 9 7 4		♦ A K	♦ A K
♠ A K		♠ A K	♠ A K

The bidding:
East South West North
3♦ 4♥ 4♠ 5♥
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦.

After one bid apiece, everyone was exhausted, but North was probably tired before he

started. It is simply impossible to understand North's five-heart bid. At either four spades or five diamonds, East-West would have been doubled—and slaughtered.

Even if one were to look at all four hands, it would be difficult to figure out how South avoided the loss of three diamond tricks. But he did, just that—and the defenders couldn't have done anything about it after the opening lead had been made.

West opened the king of spades, and South won the trick with his ace, noting the fall of East's jack. It was also obvious that West was void of diamonds, East having made a pre-emptive bid in this suit, which rated to be of six-card length.

Declarer next cashed the ace of hearts and the ace of clubs. He then led a heart to dummy's king, sighing with grateful relief when both opponents followed suit. Dummy's next play was the ten of spades, upon which South discarded his king of clubs!

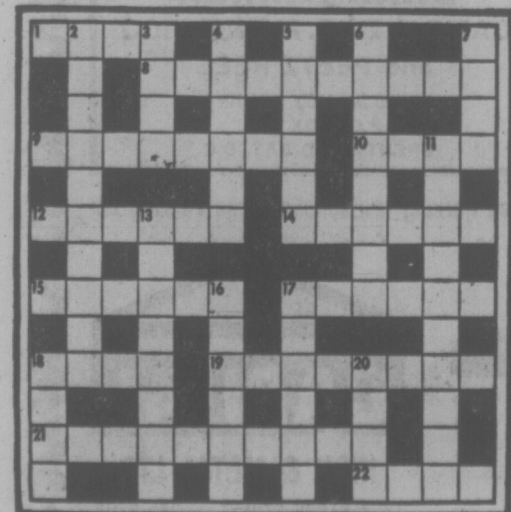
West won with the king, and what could he do? He cashed the queen of clubs, upon which South tossed away one of his three diamonds. Which ever black suit West now led would enable dummy to win two tricks with the board's nine of spades and jack of clubs. On these two winners, South would discard his two remaining diamonds. Thus South's only two losers were to West's queen of spades and queen of clubs.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ANSWERS TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

ACROSS	19 Artisan	5 Talisman
7 Etude	21 Couplet	6 Realise
8 Tragedy	22 Rider	11 Dictionary
9 Schemer	DOWN	13 Handhold
10 Idled	1 Reasonable	14 Sternum
12 Sheet music	2 Ought	16 Wealth
15 Biting wind	3 Beam	17 Aside
18 Earth	4 Starve	20 Tare

- CLUES
- ACROSS
- 1 It takes longer if completed without a hitch (4)
 - 8 Distressing changes to a musical (10)
 - 9 Foreign girl tries on a new design (8)
 - 10 Look for back-spin (4)
 - 12 Give way concerning a fast time (6)
 - 14 Amounts made to last (6)
 - 15 The horses in the racket (6)
 - 17 Transfer as a token (6)
 - 18 Aide contrived a plan (4)
 - 19 There's no end to them! (4, 4)
 - 21 A polite refusal (2, 5, 3)
 - 22 Found unworthy of honour (4)
- DOWN
- 2 Though concerned, possibly resented it (10)
 - 3 What one said after reflection (4)
 - 4 It's more than obvious it's expressing dissatisfaction (6)
 - 5 I'm given a role to communicate (6)
 - 6 They make the least and the most effort on the track (8)
 - 7 Emperor in knight's armour (4)
 - 11 Supplies information to ten in broken English (10)
 - 13 What pit-heaps could be to disused mines! (8)
 - 16 A sign of twins (6)
 - 17 Troubles any son may produce (6)
 - 18 Travellers may seek them in opposite directions (4)
 - 20 A striking suit (4)



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"IN CASE I'M TOO BUSY TO NOTICE YA IN THE MORNING...MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



ANSWERS: ACROSS—1. JACKS, 4. TOP, 6. CANOE, 7. SURE, 8. NURSE, DOWN—1. JACKSON, 2. CANE, 3. STEEPLE, 5. PEAR.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By SYDNEY OMARR

Astrological Forecast for Thursday, Dec. 25, 1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Accent on partnership, law and marriage. Emphasis on beauty, giving, relieving, getting value priorities in order. Give special attention to partner, mate. Family harmony can be restored. Stick close to home base if possible. Be "in touch" with one who has proven affection for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spiritual insights are possible if quiet within. Look beneath the superficial—see people as they are—evaluate your own objectives. Pisces, Virgo individuals are in picture. Special service is performed. Express appreciation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good lunar aspect coincides now with creativity, expression of love, variety, change, travel. Young persons figure prominently. Aura of excitement is present. Enjoy yourself, but don't break all diet resolutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look beyond the immediate. Gain long-range view, perspective. One who confides hopes, dreams should be taken seriously. You may be seeing an image of yourself. Be open, alert, "childlike" in sense that wonder is not chased by cynicism.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spotlight on visits, relatives, exchange of gifts, ideas. Avoid scattering efforts, energies. Realize that some remarks, made with intention of being funny, may be taken seriously. Another Leo—and an Aquarius—are likely to be in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Accent on serious considerations, regarding security, valuables, personal possessions. Inner voice is active. Listen. One who taught you in past, perhaps a parent, is back in picture and you feel good about it. Aquarian figures prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Popularity is on upswing. Your judgement, intuition are on target. Social activity is favored. You have fun and you can relax. Tension takes a holiday!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Quiet thoughts, moments are featured. You are "whispered a message." Be discreet. Earn trust of one who wants to have faith. You'll comprehend! Another Scorpio, a Taurus and a Leo could be in picture. You are part of a behind-the-scenes manoeuvre.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Accent on wishes, friendship, getting credit for efforts, standing tall for principles. Obtain valid hint from Scorpio message. Be receptive. Realize that some promises, although temporarily put

asked, are remembered. You are due for surprise—of pleasant variety.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spotlight on one who is in authority, be it professional superior or parent. Taurus Libra are featured. You regain self-esteem. You feel that you "belong." are needed and appreciated. You know that this is a holiday that will be remembered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spiritual insights are accentuated. You look within, you see, you gain long-range perception. Realize that temporary setback, some brooding, are part of the game, no reason for permanent despair. One who cares will offer words of encouragement—and love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What was nebulous could become solid. You confer with partner, mate. You learn about costs, appraisals and financial potential. Older persons depend on you and will more than repay for consideration, aid. Capricorn, Cancer individuals figure prominently.

IF DEC. 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are spiritual, introspective, a fighter for justice. You also are temperamental, moody, a perfectionist and no prize package to live with—you'll make domestic adjustment in 1975 Pisces. Virgo persons play important roles in your life. You abhor hypocrisy, you love truth and will always be admired for your search for enlightenment.

FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

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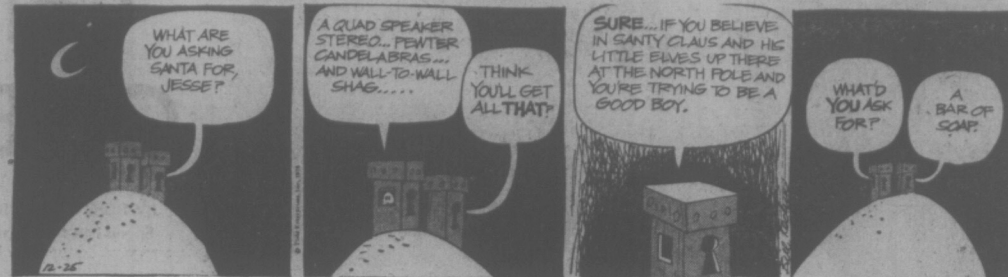
Hunter answers all letters; ideas welcomed.

Organisms Back

MOSCOW (UPI)—A Soviet minister said Tuesday a biological satellite which carried living organisms into space in a seven-nation experiment has returned safely to earth with its specimens intact.

Soviet scientists have begun studying the effect of the 21-day flight on flies, fish eggs and tissues provided by eastern and western nations said the deputy health minister, Avetik Burnazyan.

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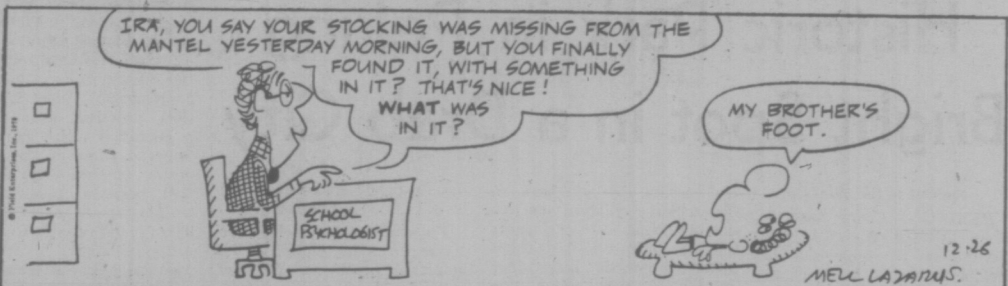


BROOM-HILDA



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MISS PEACH



APARTMENT 3-G



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MARK TRAIL



Your Horoscope

By SYDNEY OMARR
Astrological Forecast
Friday, Dec. 26-1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Holiday letdown should be dealt with, properly interpreted. Keep events and people in perspective. Fatigue will be replaced by energy. Accent on expansion, compliments and special consideration connected with partner, mate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Deal with older individual concerned with time, motion, costs and security. Be forthright. One who is "important" works behind scenes in your behalf. You are of without allies. Be aware of it and state case in positive manner. Message will be clarified.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Finish rather than begin. Take long-range view. Fulfill commitment. Aries, Libra persons figure prominently. Accent on friends, romance, creative endeavors, special understanding with children. One who makes "cutting remark" is lonely and wants your attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Status quo is shaken—what was planned might be revised. Know it and be familiar with alternatives. Leo, Aquarius individuals are in picture. A "homebody" may suddenly express desire to be on the go, to make changes, to have a "monumental thing."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Family affairs could dominate. Older person, with your best interests at heart, could be tiresome. You need not be nagged by guilty conscience. A bone is a bone is a bone—whether or not he is related to you!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social calls, activities take command. You have fun, but tend to forego important resolutions. Gemini and Sagittarius could be in picture. You may be counting, checking, revising budget, figuring costs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lunar cycle at peak—be optimistic, confident. Exude charm, goodwill. Popularity is on upswing. Your judgement, intuition are on target. Social activity is favored. You have fun and you can relax. Tension takes a holiday!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could gain access to information deliberately or unwittingly obscured. Be analytical. Perceive reasons for recent happenings. Gemini, Virgo persons could be in picture. You could be involved in "backstage activity."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Friend could act in "unusual manner." Key is to be diplomatic, to strive for harmony at home, to express gratitude for "being remembered." Tender loving care is now best policy. Act accordingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be basic—means ask for facts, not fantasies. See as it, not merely as you wish situations to be. Pisces, Virgo persons could be in picture. Friend "pulls strings" to give you needed boost. You gain spiritual insight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Holiday brought you closer to "special person." You'll know it. Get priorities in focus. Form resolutions that you intend to keep. Capricorn, Cancer persons figure prominently. Emphasis on distance, language, communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Finish task. Take long-range view. Cut through red tape. Get estimate on costs. Get possessions in semblance of order. Express gratitude to one who showed unique concern for your welfare.

IF DEC. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are direct, introspective with most persons, completely outgoing with those close to you. Capricorn, Cancer persons play important roles in your life. You've made domestic adjustment. In 1976, January and October should be your most significant months. You are determined, stubborn, passionate and have tendency to bump your knees. You react well during periods of crisis. You are due for happier times following emotional wound.

Astrological Forecast
Saturday, Dec. 27, 1975

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Steer clear of speculative schemes. Stick with quality, factual information. Young person who is impatient, may chide you. Remember obligations and adhere to basic course. Cancer, Capricorn could be in picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be patient, not lethargic. Finish project, don't quit. Persons in "high positions" observe and are willing to give you valid chance to demon-

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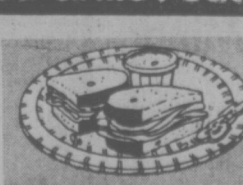
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Horoscope

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strate abilities. Aries, Libra figure in picture. Be aware of fine print — refuse to give up something for nothing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 30): You get to heart of matters. You are able to act in more direct, independent manner. Leo, Aquarius could be involved. Accent on basic issues, on special services and unique communication with relative in transit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some of your natural talents, qualities are appreciated by those who took you for granted. Emphasis on personality, appearance, "magnetism." Change, travel, variety are featured. Aquarian surprises — sense of humor is essential.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Highlight versatility. Look beyond the immediate. Be aware of potential. Check calls, correspondence. Publishing opportunity could be in picture. Social activity is favored — Gemini, Sagittarius could be involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be thorough — highlight specifics. Do your homework. Restless associates, relatives may want to "jump the gun." Take care that you are not swept up into rush situation. You have right, perhaps even a duty, to be positive, responsible and certain of your policies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial aspects are analyzed. You may be called on to report, explain. Be open, willing and eager to learn. Gemini, Virgo persons could figure prominently. Accent is on valuables, possessions, collections and payments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're stronger than might be apparent on surface. Surprise element is present but is likely to work in your favor. Responsible individual, associated with property, wants to aid your cause. Be diplomatic, willing to make concessions which do not compromise principles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Perfect techniques. Avoid self-deception. Define terms. Study Scorpio message. What appeared a secret is going to be revealed — in surprising fashion. Behind story is spotlighted — more so than what is up front.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relationships are intensified. Nothing is apt to occur halfway — now it is all or nothing. Know it and don't play games. Chips are down, stakes are high — if you don't mean it, get away. Wish may be fulfilled in a very unorthodox manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You get chance to spread influence. You find that there is room for you at more elevated position. Much depends on your willingness to handle more responsibilities. One who makes "cutting remarks" is merely jesting. Know it and remain calm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You get "second chance." You can rectify past mistakes. You can write, advertise, distribute, publish. Pace may be slow, but you are making progress. Leo is likely to be in picture. Element of timing favors your efforts.

IF DEC. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you will rebound from setback that occurred only recently in financial, personal and professional areas. You come back strong — and September of 1976 will be your outstanding month. Aries, Libra persons play important roles in your life. You are personable, capable of being dramatic — and you constantly side with the underdog.

School Bus Injuries Only Minor

WINNIPEG (CP) — Fourteen children escaped serious injury Monday when a school bus and a transport truck collided in the northeast section of the city.

Winnipeg police said the children were taken to hospital and treated for minor cuts and bruises. The driver of the bus was also taken to hospital, but was not seriously injured.

Police said the accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. when a west-bound bus on Grassy Boulevard crossed in front of a flatbed transport truck heading north on Lagimodiere Boulevard in the East Kildonan district.

Both vehicles suffered extensive damage and ended up in a ditch near the intersection, police said. Ambulances called to the scene took five children to Concorde Hospital and nine to St. Boniface General Hospital.



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Alta. Eyes Tighter Gun Laws

EDMONTON (CP) — Severe restrictions on the licensing and regulation of handguns have been proposed in a report prepared for Alberta.

The report, which has not yet been released, was written by Harry Maxted, the director of the law enforcement and a former assistant RCMP commissioner.

Maxted said none of the proposals he suggests will interfere with the activities of criminals, but they might prevent handguns from getting into the hands of "irresponsible or unqualified persons or being located at potentially dangerous situations."

The report suggests an applicant for a permit should fill out a form at the local detachment. The form would then be sent to divisional headquarters in Edmonton or Calgary where one person would handle all rural permits.

Maxted also said a central authority should supervise all aspects of gun handling.

Permits to carry guns should be severely cut back, the report says, including those issued to people working in the bush and provincial employees. Club member permits should also be restricted.

Potash Bills Stalled

REGINA (CP) — The standoff between opposition persistence and government patience continued in the Saskatchewan legislature Tuesday as members prepared for a 12-day adjournment without passing controversial potash bills.

Ted Malone, member for Regina Lakeview and one of the most active speakers in Liberal efforts that have stalled the bills for several weeks, used the question period Tuesday to ask the government again to consider withdrawing its proposed legislation.

Referring to newspaper reports that five potash companies had taken out potash leases in Burke County, N.D., Malone suggested there could be potash developments elsewhere to compete with Saskatchewan mines.

Premier Allan Blakeney said he does not want to hold out any possibility that the potash bills will be withdrawn after the legislature reconvenes Jan. 5.

RAISE AGE TO DRINK, SASK. URGED

REGINA (CP) — A Saskatoon school superintendent told the legislature Tuesday that the legal drinking age should be raised to 19 from 18 in view of widespread consumption of alcohol by teenagers.

Glen Penner (L-Saskatoon-Eastview) argued that when 21 was the minimum age for legal drinking, alcohol use was common among 18-year-olds. Now youths aged 14 and 15 are drinking more, he said.

Penner, who is also an alderman, said Saskatoon council passed a motion of his calling for a minimum age of 20, but he had reduced that to give the legislature motion better chance of passing.

Big Hike In Price Of Furs

WINNIPEG (CP) — Long-hair fur prices showed an increase of more than 50 per cent over last June at the opening fur auction of the season at Dominion-Soudack Ltd., Monday.

Leonard Werner, a partner in the company, said Tuesday about \$2 million worth of furs sent in by trappers across North America were sold, mostly to European buyers.

He said the sale indicates consumers can expect to see substantially higher prices on fur-trimmed and fur coats next season.


Sales at the auction, which was scheduled early to meet the immediate demand for fur, far exceeded expectations, Werner added.

The auctioneers had predicted a 30 to 40 per cent increase in prices for the now fashionable long-hair wild furs. Instead the long-hair pelts—fox, racoon and coyote—went at prices 50 to 60 per cent above last year.

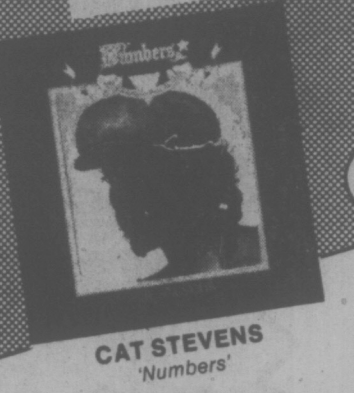
Coyote pelts sold for a record high of \$99.



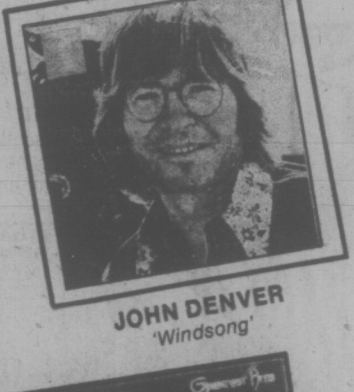
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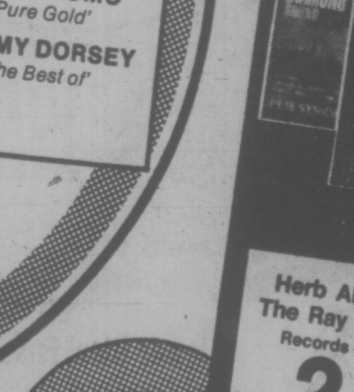
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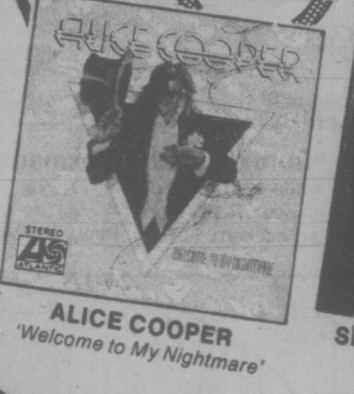
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Concrete Decision Cracking

CONCRETE, Wash. (AP) — While scientists and government officials are trying to decide whether Baker Lake on the restless volcano, Mt. Baker, is safe for public use, businessmen here says the lake's closure is putting them under financially.

"We haven't put together any figures, but comments from businessmen around here indicate the decline in business ranges from 10 per cent to 25 per cent, and that's pretty steep," said Senator Lowell Peterson (D-Concrete).

Fear of possible mudslides prompted officials to close the lake, used by about 100,000 persons a year, when volcanic activity around Mt. Baker's Sherman Crater increased dramatically last spring.

Paul Hart, a forest service information specialist and spokesman for the Mt. Baker study groups, said scientists involved in mountain surveillance will be meeting next month.

A decision on what to do with the lake is expected by spring, he said. "We're aware that some people in Concrete have been hurt by this decision," he said.

"We're not happy to be in a position of closing it. The public generally has been real good. But the longer nothing happens, the harder and harder it is to maintain the closure. It's something we have to review."

Hart said that even though no massive mudslides have occurred since the April decision, high levels of steam activity are continuing.

Forest service scientists, along with experts from the U.S. Geological Survey, the Army Corps of Engineers and other agencies concluded that the steam could rapidly melt snow.

The extra running water created the potential for huge mudslides, which in turn could strike the lake creating massive waves.

CBC Faces Cutbacks

OTTAWA (CP) — Government spending restraints likely will force a two- or three-year delay in completion of a Canadian Broadcasting Corp. program to bring television and radio service to remote northern communities, the CBC says.

Completion of the \$70-million accelerated coverage program, originally planned for 1980, now is expected to be delayed until 1982 or 1983, a CBC official said.

The publicly-owned broadcasting organization will have to reduce its capital spending following Treasury Board President Jean Chretien's announcement in the Commons Thursday of a \$15-million reduction in federal appropriations to the CBC, he said.

Total federal payments to the CBC for the current fiscal year exceeded \$352 million, including \$59 million for capital spending.

Under the program the CBC is bringing English or French-language television and radio service to about 325 remote communities of 500 population or more where no services existed before.

Using Anik domestic communications satellites, re-broadcasting stations, are being built to carry CBC television programming and AM radio service to the remote areas.

The official said the Canadian Radio-Television Commission has licensed 72 such stations since the accelerated coverage program began in 1974.

This year service was extended to 13 communities in the Northwest Territories, Labrador, northern Quebec and northern Saskatchewan.

RAIL CUTS SLAMMED

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government's reduction in planned subsidies for passenger train service is "a backward step with disastrous consequences for transportation in Canada," the Canadian Railway Labor Association CRLA said Tuesday.

The CRLA represents 100,000 railway workers.

CRLA president W. C. Y. McGregor said in a statement: "Can we afford to continue pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into air and highway travel at a time when fuel is running short and prices are soaring, when the cost in lost agricultural land and environmental damage is becoming prohibitive?"

Other western industrialized countries were reviving and expanding rail passenger facilities while Canada was gradually reducing passenger train service.



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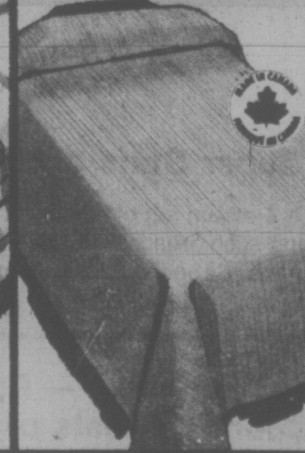
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Born to John and Judy, a girl, Christa Todd, 7 lbs. 10 oz., 50 cm., born on November 21, 1973.

LEHNA

Born to Barry and Rose, a girl, Christa Todd, 7 lbs. 10 oz., 50 cm., born on November 21, 1973.

THOMAS

Born to Chris and Sylvia, a girl, Christa Todd, 7 lbs. 10 oz., 50 cm., born on November 21, 1973.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

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Passed away December 21st, 1973, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, B.C., aged 73 years. Late of the Victoria Police Department. Burial in the Victoria Memorial Park Cemetery.

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THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD

As we who are left grow old, we shall not grow weary. For the love we have for you, dear one, shall never fade. We shall grow old with you, and we shall grow old with you. We shall grow old with you, and we shall grow old with you. We shall grow old with you, and we shall grow old with you.

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A few last minute tips
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best use of a wide range of
plants at Christmas; plus an
item or two for prevention of
tragedy.

Gather the parsley needed
for stuffing early in the day.
Wash, dry and either pack
into a glass jar or into a plas-
tic bag to keep it fresh. Use it
freely, but be sparing with
sage.

Also gather the Brussels
sprouts, kale, endive, lettuce,
washing them overnight if
necessary to save time later.
Keep them cool and in a tight-
ly closed bag.

Flowering pot plants may
need watering as they arrive
in your home but take a close
look at the soil at the top of
the pot to see and feel
whether it is dry or wet. You
can also tell by the weight of
the pot - if heavy for its size,
it is damp enough; if lighter

than you thought it would be,
give it some water. Pour
tepid water into the pot at the
edge until the pot is filled.
Let it drain through; then
empty the dish or saucer
below after one hour.

Keep these plants, except
the Foinsettia, in a cool room
for a few hours before taking
into the livingroom.

Holly, and other berried
shrubs last longer when the
bottom inch of each stem is
crushed with a hammer be-
fore arranging in bowls or
vases of water.

When cut flowers are not
actually being displayed,
place in coolest spot of the
house, particularly overnight.
Cut one inch from the stems
each morning when adding
more water.

Many flowers last longer in
a wide bowl than in a tall nar-
row vase, since there is a
greater water surface to

evaporate upwards around
the flowers to provide humi-
dity.

Remember to top up the
water level each day.

Be watchful of young chil-
dren getting fallen berries
into mouths and stomachs -
some berries are poisonous,
others are upsetting. Someone
has to be watchful, constantly.

If you have a greenhouse,
don't forget it during holiday
excitement. Check the plants
there. Some may need a little
water. The house will proba-
bly need ventilating if the
present (December 21) mid-
temperatures persist.

If you leave vents or door
open in the greenhouse, write a
note to yourself as a re-
minder. (Write in big block
letters "Greenhouse Vents
(Door) Open" and pin it up
where you can't help seeing it
- over the sink at eye level
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Lastly, keep the water level
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• BUT ISN'T IT EXPENSIVE TO HAVE THIS SPECIAL TREATMENT?

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Buenos Aires Death Toll 101

BUENOS AIRES (AP) —

Eight hours of battles between leftist guerrillas and Argentine security forces on the outskirts of Buenos Aires Tuesday night and early today killed at least 101 persons, army sources said. The bloodshed further threatened the future of President Isabel Peron's shaky regime.

The dead included 85 guerrillas, 10 civilians and six soldiers and police, the sources said.

About 500 guerrillas attacked army and police posts, leading to pitched battles over a vast suburban zone 10 miles south of downtown Buenos Aires. Hundreds of army troops and police joined the fighting.

Security sources said the action apparently was a joint operation carried out by the leftwing Montoneros and People's Revolutionary Army guerrilla organizations. The two are the most active guerrilla groups in Latin America.

The fighting did not die down until shortly before

dawn in the heavily populated area although an army communiqué said calm returned about midnight.

The guerrillas attacked an army arsenal and a regimental headquarters, occupied four police stations and set fire to 15 municipal transport buses with gasoline bombs.

It was the biggest guerrilla attack since Oct. 5, when 40 persons were killed in a raid in northeast Argentina by Montoneros, the ultra-left Peronist guerrillas.

The fighting raised the death toll from political violence to more than 1,700 since Juan Peron's widow, Isabel, succeeded to the presidency at his death 18 months ago. The guerrilla attack came on the heels of a four-day revolt by air force officers demanding Mrs. Peron's resignation and a new demand from the left wing of the Peronist party that she quit.

The army said the hardest fighting and most of the casualties occurred at the arsenal, but other army sources

said troops and police fought pitched battles to dislodge the guerrillas from the police stations.

The fighting at the arsenal spread into surrounding slum areas which the security forces have long believed to be a terrorist hideout. A police officer said snipers throughout the area fired on firemen and police trying to put out the fires started by the gasoline bombs.

Army officials said in addition to four army men and two policemen killed, at least 12 army men were wounded.

Navy sources said two helicopter gunships and two jet bombers flew over the area. They said the guerrillas opened fire on the helicopters, and the crews fired back.

Police threw a tight cordon around the area and kept newsmen out. Huge traffic jams developed, and some suburban rail services were interrupted.

The rest of Buenos Aires was calm.

Georgia Strait Programming Urged in Study

By HUMPHRY DAVY
Times Staff

Provincial and federal governments, regional districts and the Islands Trust should recognize the Strait of Georgia as one of the most significant recreational and ecological areas in the world, a report on the Gulf Islands states.

The report, prepared by an independent environmental consultant Don Benn of Victoria on behalf of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, urges an immediate program of land acquisition and dedication of areas as nature preserves, recreational areas, parks and ecological reserves.

"The region deserves greater attention from all levels of government, as well as stricter regulation of resource exploitation and development," it states.

The natural land-use inventory is the first comprehensive study of its kind undertaken on some 200 Gulf Islands stretching from Campbell River to Victoria.

The report notes that the total land area of the Gulf Islands is about 184,000 acres (290 square miles) but only four per cent is dedicated to environmental preservation and outdoor recreation.

"Already, much of the land on the islands has been subdivided," it observes. "Commercial and recreational fishing and shell-fishing has depleted portions of the marine resource."

It also points out that public access to and from the shoreline of many islands is virtually non-existent and less than 15 per cent of the land is publicly-owned land.

The report lists 216 areas in the Gulf Islands which should be given priority in a program to protect through zoning or purchase for future public and scientific use.

Of this number it lists seven natural areas as very high priority and 35 as high. It urges immediate action to protect or acquire these lands.

On Salt Spring Island, six areas are listed as most important to protect as nature reserves and for use as future parks.

It adds senior levels of government should place more emphasis on establishment of "local" parks and preserves.

"In most instances, parks and preserves should be dedicated with a view to primarily serving the needs of local residents," it states. "Local residents should be given a better opportunity in determining the location, purpose and management of parks and preserves established by the provincial government."

The inventory of natural areas was requested by the Islands Trust mainly responsible for the development and the protection of the amenities of the Gulf Islands.

You Can't Taiwan On In Taipei

TAIPEI (UPI) —

The ministry of the interior today reiterated its two-year-old order that no party, ball or feast can be held in-Taiwan to celebrate the Christmas season.

It explained that the order, first announced in 1973, was in line with the government's policy of keeping frugality in society. The ban however does not cover religious activities or ceremonies.

"We hope the Christmas Eve could be a peaceful, solemn and silent night," a spokesman said.

Police will beef up their patrol in the next two days to ensure no one will use the occasion to throw wild parties, the spokesman said.

Nationalist China's constitution day falls on Dec. 25, therefore Thursday is a national holiday in Taiwan.

No Trace Of Doctor

COURTENAY — RCMP are still searching for an area doctor who went missing Monday night.

Police said Dr. Henry Williams, who disappeared from his home at 9 p.m. Monday, has a heart condition and Courtenay area residents are being asked to search their properties in case he suffered a heart attack and sought shelter.

Teacher Salary Appeal

An 11.3 per cent pay increase to teachers on southern Vancouver Island is still up in the air and the Greater Victoria school board will consider in January whether to appeal the award to the federal anti-inflation board.

The arbitration award covers teachers in Greater Victoria, Saanich, Sooke, Gulf Islands and Cowichan school districts and represents the first time zonal bargaining has been carried out in the area.

Greater Victoria trustee Susan Brice said today the question of whether to appeal the award, which is above the federal guidelines, will be considered during budget talks in January.

She said the decision may be affected by what other teacher groups in the province are awarded.

"I think that if one award that is 14 per cent was upheld by the anti-inflation board, then we would not appeal ours," she said.

The B.C. School Trustees Association may co-ordinate appeals, she said.

Mrs. Brice said she felt this was a good year to try out zonal bargaining.

"With the external restrictions, nobody felt they were going to lose out by trying a new approach. We can all look to some external force," she said.

Greater Victoria Teachers Association president Wail Kitley said if the teachers had known beforehand of the federal restrictions, they never would have gone into zonal bargaining.

"If we are held rigidly to a percentage ceiling, there is little point in zonal bargaining. We took a tremendous amount of time and money to prepare a case that was, in effect, thrown out because of the guidelines," he said.

Kitley said the idea of zonal bargaining is a sound one, and that during a normal period, without wage controls, it would be worth looking at again.

Two more arbitration board decisions were announced Tuesday.

The settlements provide an increase of 12.5 per cent for teachers in Comox and a 10.2 per cent raise for teachers in Burns Lake.

An award of 14 per cent for teachers in Grand Forks, announced last week, was the first of 46 arbitration board decisions that must be completed by Jan. 5.

H.K. Vets Remember

A handful of Hong Kong veterans of the Second World War will pay tribute to their comrades who did not return at a short wreath-laying ceremony Christmas Day at 2 p.m. at the cenotaph.

"We'll be there, rain or shine," said Lionel Speller, secretary of the B.C. branch of the Hong Kong Veterans' Association of Canada.

The Christmas ceremony marks the 34th anniversary of the surrender of the British

colony of Hong Kong to the Japanese.

The Battle of Hong Kong, which raged for 48 hours Dec. 23-25, 1941, was a baptism of fire for Canadians sent to reinforce the British garrison.

Those imprisoned after the battle suffered one of the worst internments of the war. Many died in Hong Kong and others were transported by the Japanese to be used as slave labor.

Speller said the Hong Kong vets are angry that their fight for 100 per cent war disability pension rights has failed to bring action although legislation was promised by Ottawa for the fall.

He said there are more than 1,000 Hong Kong vets living, about 580 of whom would qualify for full pensions. There are 180 survivors in British Columbia, 42 of them on Vancouver Island.

 <p>WISHING ALL MY FRIENDS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOOD HEALTH IN THE NEW YEAR. MRS. LACKIE</p>	<p>SEASON'S BEST Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hills and children wish all their friends and relatives a very merry Christmas, and are giving to the Heart Fund in lieu of cards this year.</p>	<p>Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dawson, 1726 Green Oaks Terrace, wish to express a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends. We wish to donate to the Heart Fund in lieu of Christmas cards.</p> 	<p><i>Christmas Cheer</i> Best wishes to all my friends and the people I have served in the past year. JACKIE CHOW J. C. Motors Ltd., 937 Yates</p> 	<p>GREETINGS Best wishes to my many good friends and customers at this holiday time. DENIS FARRINGTON Speedway Motors, 971 Yates</p> 	<p>NOEL We wish all our customers the best for the season and thank them for their patronage. VITEWAY BAKERY & Organic Foods Centre Ltd.</p> 
<p>Roy Doty's Television Service Wishes our many good customers and friends all the best for the coming year. 1834 Newton St.</p> 	<p>A Christmas Wish Warmest wishes to you and yours, From the Folks at FOOD GIANT 7154 W. Saanich Rd.</p> 	<p>Season's Greetings from Willow Park Grocery 2405 Eastdowne Complete line of groceries and meats</p> 	<p>Wishing all our friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. DAVE & GAIL MURDOCH and FAMILY</p> 	<p>Season's Greetings from POODLE DOG Restaurant Victoria's Family Restaurant 1241 Government St.</p> 	<p>LORRAINE'S BEAUTY SALON and Staff Wish all our customers "Happy Holidays" 2120 Oak Bay Ave.</p> 
<p>Merry Christmas Mr. & Mrs. E. Townsend of MALAHAT MOUNTAIN MOTEL & SERVICE, Malahat Rd., wish all our Friends and Customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> 	<p>Eric Tamke of ISLAND TRADING CO., 1717 Gov't, and SAYWARD NEWS, 1207 Gov't, Wishes all his customers Season's Greetings</p> 	<p>Greetings and best wishes for a holiday filled with Christmas joy, Management and staff. SAANICH PENINSULA PROPERTIES 2354 Beacon Ave., Sidney</p> 	<p><i>Season's Best</i> Holiday greetings and wishing you happy boating in the coming season. BOB WHYTE MARINE LTD. 2266 Harbour Rd.</p> 	<p>BEST OF THE SEASON TO ALL Allen Schlatter Oak Bay Tyke and Teen Shoes Ltd. 2215 Oak Bay Ave.</p> 	<p>Christmas Cheer Peggy and Andy wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas. ANDERSON HEARING AID CO. 1207 Douglas St.</p> 
<p>May you have a Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year. INDEPENDENT BUYERS DISCOUNT SERVICE 939C Esquimalt Rd.</p> 	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i> We wish to extend compliments of the season from our management and staff, to all our many good friends and customers. DUTCH BAKERY & COFFEE SHOP 718 Fort St.</p> 	<p>Merry Christmas! A special greeting from the management and staff at SHELBOURNE 66 SERVICE 1580 Cedar Hill X-Rd.</p> 	<p>Holiday Greetings The blessings of Christmas throughout the New Year. DAVID MURPHY First Memorial Services Ltd.</p> 	<p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM Alf Becker & Sons Ltd. Power Chain Saws 2981 Tillicum Rd.</p> 	<p>Merry Christmas Old Girl! ISLAND HAND CRAFT HOUSE 1700 Kings Rd.</p> 
<p>Wishing All the Best To our Friends and Relatives, have the Very Best Christmas and a Happy New Year. GUY & ISLA HOLLISTER</p> 	<p><i>Compliments of the Season...</i> and the very best for '76 to one and all — friends, relatives and customers. KARL F. KUESTER Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd.</p> 	<p>HOLIDAY CHEER! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. SAM TAYLOR Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd.</p> 	<p>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To all our customers of the Ingraham Hotel.</p> 	<p>Holiday Greetings Wishing all our Friends and Relatives the very best Christmas. JAN & BICK SEWELL</p> 	<p>Greetings Many Good Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday Season to all our Customers and Friends. GRANITE INDUSTRIES VICTORIA'S HOUSE OF ALUMINUM 518 William St.</p> 
<p>Best Wishes to all my Friends and Customers — the very best over the holiday season. ART MOYSCHYN Victoria Dodge Chrysler 819 Yates St.</p> 	<p><i>Christmas Greetings</i> I would like to wish my customers and their families a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. KEN ALGER Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd.</p> 	<p>A Cheery Holiday Greeting from LEN BARKLEY INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS 517 Herald St.</p> 	<p>Best Wishes Lots of good wishes for the upcoming holiday season, to my customers and friends. CARL SPICER Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd.</p> 	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS And best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all my customers and friends. P. M. GRAHAM Plumbing & Heating Ltd. 928 Darwin Ave.</p> 	<p>Merry Christmas Loretta, Barbara, Debbie, Sandy, Ann and Evelyn would like to wish Mr. Paterson, Mr. Duncanson and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p> 
<p>NOËL We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year From June and Harry and Family, 510 Trutch To Friends and Customers of H. WILLIAMS PIANO TUNING</p> 	<p>Special Christmas Greetings Wishing a merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all my friends. PETER B. RODGERS Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd.</p> 	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i> "For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." ISLAND SAW CO. 617 Chatham St.</p> 	<p>GREETINGS OF THE SEASON! CRAIG LAWSON wishes to express sincere Yuletide greetings and a wish for a prosperous New Year to all. Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd. 2867 Douglas St.</p> 	<p>A Christmas Wish! Best wishes for the festive season to customers and friends, from JACK YOULDEN Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd. 2867 Douglas St.</p> 	<p>Christmas GREETINGS To all our Family, Friends and LeVoy's Customers... wishing you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. LEONA, MIKE MCGUIRE and FAMILY</p> 
<p>A Special Holiday Greeting We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends and business associates. D. TAYLOR EXCAVATING LTD. 609 Alpha St.</p> 	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i> Season's Greetings from the management and staff of MACE'S FASHIONS 1696 Douglas St.</p> 	<p>A Merry Christmas Greeting! Best Wishes of the Holiday Season from the Management and Staff of DAVIDSON CEMENT DAVIDSON CONSTRUCTION 47 Howe St.</p> 	<p>Flora Exotica Greenhouses "The Unique is our Business" Extending the best of the holiday season to all — and special thank you to our customers. Visit us at 2036 Bazar Bay Rd. Sidney, B.C. Tel: (604) 656-5414</p> 	<p>Greetings Old Fashioned Greetings to all our friends. "POLLARD AUTOMOTIVE" 925 Dunford</p> 	<p>Best Wishes for a Bright and Happy Holiday from the Management and Staff of LIGHT-WAY INC. 695 Alpha St.</p> 
<p><i>Merry Christmas</i> To all our Friends and Customers, we wish a holiday filled with its own special enchantment. May Christmas joy fill your home. SPEEDWAY MOTORS LTD. 971 Yates St.</p> 	<p><i>Merry Christmas</i> May your dreams of a joyous Christmas come true, and this holiday be a most memorable one. Greetings from PACIFIC STRATA REALTY LTD. 386-2437</p> 	<p>Don Funk and his Staff wish to take this opportunity to thank all their friends and customers for a prosperous year, and hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. LO-COST AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION BUILDERS 1901 Government St.</p> 	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS Hearty Good Wishes to all our Friends and Customers, from our Management and Staff. We wish you joy beyond your expectations and look forward to seeing you during the holidays. DOUGLAS VOLKSWAGEN LTD. PORSCHE — AUDI 3329 Douglas Street</p> 		
<p><i>Merry Christmas</i> Warm wishes for a Happy Holiday to our Friends and Readers throughout the city and Vancouver Island. May the season abound in many joyful moments for you. The Daily Colonist</p> 	<p>Best Wishes for Christmas Warm wishes for a Happy Holiday to our Friends and Readers throughout the city and Vancouver Island. May the season abound in many joyful moments for you. The Daily Colonist</p> 	<p><i>Christmas Greetings to all</i> from MANAGEMENT AND STAFF PLIMLEY BRITISH CAR CENTRE 1010 YATES ST. "May the Spirit of the Holiday Season bring you Peace and Happiness Throughout the New Year."</p> 	<p>HI! The best of the season and sincere good wishes for the forthcoming New Year, to our Friends and Readers and their Families. Victoria Times</p> 		

 <p>Wishing all our friends and relatives the very best Christmas!</p> <p>IVY & RAY CLARK</p>	<p>HAPPY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>Best wishes to our many good friends at this holiday time, from</p> <p>BOB & BUNNY and FAMILY</p>	 <p>Holiday Greetings</p> <p>The best of everything throughout the holiday season, to all my friends,</p> <p>THOMAS COOK</p>	<p>Season's Greetings</p> <p>Greetings of the holiday season to all our good friends!</p> <p>BILL, DWIGHT, MARILYN, VICKY & BILL</p>	 <p>Greetings</p> <p>To all my clients, a very festive season and happiness in the New Year.</p> <p>NICK MELNECHUK</p>	<p>Christmas Greetings</p> <p>Best wishes from the management and staff of</p> <p>MOORE-WHITTINGTON LUMBER LTD.</p>
 <p>Christmas Wishes!</p> <p>Bill and Nan Johnson, Cordova Bay</p> <p>Extend warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to friends and neighbors, Cosmopolitans and Pals; Elks of Victoria No. 2 and Ladies of O.O.R.P.; and The Multiple Sclerosis. Have a Ball!</p>	 <p>We wish love, joy, laughter and prosperity to all our friends and dear ones.</p> <p>BILL AND SHARON KNOWLES AND FAMILY</p>	 <p>Best Wishes</p> <p>To all our friends and relatives, we wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p> <p>Jack & Heather Musgrave & Family</p>	 <p>Old Fashioned Greetings to all our relatives and friends.</p> <p>JIM & AGNES MCCONACHY</p>	 <p>GREETINGS</p> <p>Best wishes to all our friends and relatives.</p> <p>MRS. B. U. WADDEN and RUSSELL</p>	 <p>Health, Happiness and a Prosperous '76!</p> <p>It has been our privilege to serve the public for 25 years, and faithfully continuing our personalized service.</p> <p>BAINS TRAVEL SERVICE 1710 Douglas St.</p>
 <p>Christmas Cheer</p> <p>Merry Christmas Old Girl!</p> <p>ISLAND HANDCRAFT HOUSE</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, to all our customers and friends, from</p> <p>MENZIES FISH & CHIPS</p>	 <p>Season's greetings and a happy new year</p> <p>ARLAND'S BARBER SHOP 3892 Carey Rd.</p>	 <p>Best Wishes for a Joyful Christmas</p> <p>KASAPI CONSTRUCTION Management and Staff</p>	 <p>Best Wishes for the Season to All!</p> <p>We wish everyone we know the Merriest Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.</p> <p>BILL KAPTEYN, Realtor, Royal Trust Co., 4082 Shelburne St.</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Wishing you the best of the season and a prosperous New Year to all my friends, from</p> <p>MIKE CASTLE Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd.</p>
 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Here's hoping Christmas brings a generous measure of happiness to all our treasured friends, our many customers and their families.</p> <p>TOD-HACKETT CONSTRUCTION LTD. 107-3375 Whittier</p>	 <p>Greetings</p> <p>Wishing all our friends and clients a Christmas of cheer and a New Year filled with Good Health and Prosperity.</p> <p>SOOTER STUDIO 788 Yates St.</p>	 <p>In the Spirit of the Season</p> <p>We send greetings to all our friends and customers, from the management and staff of</p> <p>GEM MOTOR SALES 480 Esquimalt Rd.</p>	 <p>Wishing you a Bright Christmas Day!</p> <p>May Christmas happiness linger on through the New Year is the sincere wish of your friends at</p> <p>VICTORIA 4-WHEEL DRIVE 597 Hillside Ave.</p>	 <p>A Wish for Christmas Joy!</p> <p>To all our friends and customers, we wish a holiday filled with its own special enchantment. May Christmas joy fill your house!</p> <p>BERNIE PORTER MUSIC LTD. 725 Caledonia Ave.</p>	 <p>HAPPY HOLIDAY</p> <p>Old fashioned greetings to all our customers and friends. From the Kings and Elliotts, at</p> <p>KINGS PIANO and ORGAN LTD. Two Locations: Campbell River and Royston</p>
 <p>Season's Best</p> <p>May your dreams of a joyous Christmas come true, and this holiday be a most memorable one.</p> <p>Greetings from</p> <p>ROBIN HOOD MOBILE HOMES 2714 Sooke Rd.</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Wishing all our friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> <p>Anna & George Gunniss</p>	 <p>A Sincere Christmas Wish...</p> <p>May your Christmas be Holy and your New Year joyous! Love to all, from</p> <p>Hammond Organ Studios 3400 Douglas St.</p>	 <p>Warm Holiday Greetings</p> <p>Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year, from the management and staff of</p> <p>MAURICE'S AUTO BODY 427 Beta</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Special Greetings at Christmas and a wish that the holiday will be a joyous one for all my friends and relatives.</p> <p>S. D. (Jim) Mayzes</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Best wishes of the holiday season to all my friends and clients. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!</p> <p>RICK KALLSTROM Canada Trust</p>
 <p>Greetings</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year to my many clients and friends.</p> <p>BILL CARNEGIE D. F. Hanley Agencies</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>At Christmas time, we wish for hearts filled with joy and delight among our friends and customers.</p> <p>VI AND RUTH 2nd LOOK BOUTIQUE and BEAUTY CENTRE</p>	 <p>Christmas Greetings</p> <p>We wish to greet all our customers and friends, and to wish them HAPPY HOLIDAYS, filled with friendship and special Christmas cheer.</p> <p>Management and Staff PURDY'S CHOCOLATES Hillside Shopping Centre Mayfair Shopping Centre Empress Hotel</p>	 <p>A Christmas Wish</p> <p>Compliments of the Season to our many customers and friends. May you and your family have a very joyous Christmas, and goodwill for years to come.</p> <p>LOU LACHANCE & MARTIN CUMMINGS SHELBOURNE AUTOMART LTD. 1640 Cedar Hill X Rd.</p>	 <p>Best Wishes</p> <p>We hope Christmas will be a joyful time for our customers, their families and our friends.</p> <p>BROWN'S SEPTIC TANK SERVICE LTD. 870 Dunford</p>	 <p>Greetings to Our Friends!</p> <p>Have a memorable Christmas with lasting friendships, is the special wish of your friendly certified counselors from all</p> <p>JUS-RITE PHOTO CENTRES</p>
 <p>Greetings and Best Wishes</p> <p>May your dreams of a joyous Christmas come true, and this holiday be a most memorable one.</p> <p>ADELLA ZARFT Lansdowne Properties 2518 Estevan</p>	 <p>Best Wishes</p> <p>Wishing you and yours a good old-fashioned Christmas, filled with good cheer and happy get-togethers. All the best to our friends and clients, from the management and staff of</p> <p>SEABOARD PROPERTIES 7173 West Saanich Rd.</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>From the Management and Staff</p> <p>METRO TOYOTA LTD. 625 Frances St.</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Wishing all our friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We send friendly greetings to all our past, present and future customers everywhere. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.</p> <p>Coastline Trailers centre 1621 Island Highway</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Wishing you Christmas happiness and long years of enjoyable, trouble-free motoring. We warmly greet our many friends and customers at this joyous festive time.</p> <p>Management and Staff Willie Motors Victoria Automatic Transmission Willense Leasing Co.</p>	 <p>Hearty Christmas Greetings</p> <p>Wishing you Christmas happiness and long years of enjoyable, trouble-free motoring. We warmly greet our many friends and customers at this joyous festive time.</p> <p>Management and Staff Willie Motors Victoria Automatic Transmission Willense Leasing Co.</p>
 <p>NOËL</p> <p>Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for Great Happiness to you and yours throughout the holiday season, and on through the New Year. From the staff at</p> <p>Broad St. Photo Electric Eye</p> <p>JUDI WAYNE BOB</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>May your dreams of a joyous Christmas come true, and this holiday be a most memorable one.</p> <p>Greetings from</p> <p>IRENE DALZIEL BEN GREIG CHRIS GREIG TOM RAIG FREDDY STARKE and GIL WEYLER</p> <p>Castle Properties Ltd.</p>	 <p>Hearty Christmas Greetings</p> <p>Wishing you Christmas happiness and long years of enjoyable, trouble-free motoring. We warmly greet our many friends and customers at this joyous festive time.</p> <p>Management and Staff Willie Motors Victoria Automatic Transmission Willense Leasing Co.</p>	 <p>Hearty Christmas Greetings</p> <p>Wishing you Christmas happiness and long years of enjoyable, trouble-free motoring. We warmly greet our many friends and customers at this joyous festive time.</p> <p>Management and Staff Willie Motors Victoria Automatic Transmission Willense Leasing Co.</p>	 <p>Hearty Christmas Greetings</p> <p>Wishing you Christmas happiness and long years of enjoyable, trouble-free motoring. We warmly greet our many friends and customers at this joyous festive time.</p> <p>Management and Staff Willie Motors Victoria Automatic Transmission Willense Leasing Co.</p>	 <p>Hearty Christmas Greetings</p> <p>Wishing you Christmas happiness and long years of enjoyable, trouble-free motoring. We warmly greet our many friends and customers at this joyous festive time.</p> <p>Management and Staff Willie Motors Victoria Automatic Transmission Willense Leasing Co.</p>

 <p>'Tis the Season to be Jolly It is in this spirit that we wish our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ken, Pat, Sheri and Kim Cutler</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all! JACK and VI NORTHUP</p>	 <p>Christmas Joy Best wishes to our many good friends at this holiday time. MABEL AND BONNIE NEAL</p>	 <p>Season's Greetings To our relatives, friends, and neighbors, from JACK AND ELDA LEVERIDGE</p>	 <p>CHRIS, RUTH, and JANKEN IDSOE Wish All Their Friends and Neighbors Season's Greetings!</p>	 <p>Christmas Greetings JOHN and MARTHA UNWIN Extend Holiday Greetings to Relatives and Friends</p>				
 <p>NOEL Wishing all our friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. RON and MARY KERR AND THE BOYS</p>	 <p>Best Wishes RUTH AND BOB HAUPTFLEISCH Extend greetings to all our friends, neighbors and working buddies. Sincere Greetings To all our friends and customers. Rogers Chocolates 913 Government St.</p>	 <p>Holiday Wishes JOHN and LILY HAYTON Send Season's Greetings to all friends, neighbors, old and new. Bless you all. The Cock Pheasant Restaurant West Saanich Rd. Wish to thank all their patrons of the past year. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are closed for annual holidays, reopening in February.</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas To all my relations and friends — wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. HECTOR MARSH</p>	 <p>Yuletide Joy Old-fashioned greetings to all our neighbors and friends. MR. and MRS. JIM and DOROTHY GARRET and FAMILY</p>	 <p>Christmas Greetings We wish all our friends and customers the very best Christmas and a Happy New Year. TED WILKINSON OLIVER DOUGLAS Rithet Agencies Ltd. 714 Fort St.</p>				
 <p>Season's Greetings We hope Christmas will be a joyful time for all our friends and customers. BRIAN, DICK and STAFF SUPERIOR COLLISION Victoria and Sidney</p>	 <p>GREETINGS Management and Staff of General Answering and Dispatch Service Wish Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all their friends and customers. 853 Caledonia</p>	 <p>Best Wishes We hope Christmas will be a joyful time for all our relatives and friends. DICK and DAY GEORGE</p>	 <p>Greetings Best Wishes to all my friends throughout the coming year. DAVE HANSON 4148B Carey Road</p>	 <p>HELLO Greetings From Mr. and Mrs. R. Betker FERNWOOD BAKERY Quality Bakery Goods Canadian and European style. 1923 Fernwood Rd.</p>	 <p>Season's Best Our management and personnel take this opportunity to express their best wishes for Christmas and the coming year. ISLAND PACIFIC REALTY 3200 Quadra St.</p>				
 <p>Season's Greetings We hope Christmas will be a joyful time for all our friends and customers. And, we trust you will head into a happy and prosperous New Year. JERRY ORTON and STAFF MOHAWK TIRE CENTRE 510 Burnside Rd.</p>	 <p>Christmas Greetings And Best Wishes from the management and staff of BOSSOM GLASS CO. LTD. 1305 Gladstone Ave.</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas There is a jingle in the air as holiday cheer rings everywhere. May it ring out loud and clear in the homes of everyone I know. BEV HIGHTON D. F. HANLEY AGENCIES</p>	 <p>Best Wishes to All Compliments of the season from our management and staff. ACKLANDS LIMITED 2017 Government St.</p>	 <p>Best Wishes Wishing you and yours a Christmas filled with good cheer and happy get-togethers. THE EVERFIELDS ON BEATTY</p>	 <p>Happy Holiday TO ALL OUR HONDA OWNERS Here's a Happy Thought When you pass another Honda, honk your horn wishing Season's Greetings. TO EACH AND EVERY ONE! HONDA CAR CENTRE 909 Yates St.</p>				
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<p>Season's Greetings Wishing all our friends and relatives the very best Christmas. NAN AND BICK SEWELL</p>	<p>Sincere Greetings And best wishes to all my friends and customers... for '75-'76. BILL REYNOLDS Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd. Victoria</p>	<p>HAPPY HOLIDAY Many good wishes from VICTORIA LAWNMOWER Hospital Limited 834 Johnson 386-8338 Victoria, B.C.</p>	<p>Merry Christmas Wishing all our friends and relatives the best Christmas ever. MARGE and LEN WEST</p>	<p>Season's Greetings to You Best wishes to our many good friends at this holiday time. It has been a pleasure serving you this past year. Phil and Marg Cummings and Staff AUCTION GALLERY 966 Yates St.</p>	
<p>Christmas Joy We wish our friends a goodly share of Christmas Joy, Peace, love and Contentment. Warmest holiday greetings from our management and staff. FREDERICK MOTORS 616 Queens</p>	<p>Christmas Greetings And best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all my customers and friends. CHARLIE PETERSON Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd. Victoria, B.C.</p>	<p>Hearty Greetings From DON AND DINO KING</p>	<p>May faith, love and peace be yours this Christmas Day, and throughout the New Year. from the Management and Staff of CUNNINGHAM FUNERAL CHAPEL</p>		
<p>Merry Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year, to all the people we know! From Tony and Peter Mortel, at FACTORY SOUND CENTRE 661 East Burnside</p>	<p>Greetings Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men ISLAND POWER CENTRE LTD. 617 Chatham St.</p>	<p>Yule Greetings Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year to all my customers and friends BARRY FOSS Empress Pontiac Buick Ltd. Victoria, B.C.</p>	<p>JOY TO YOU Here's hoping Christmas brings a generous measure of happiness to all our many friends and customers. BUSY BEE 1-HOUR DRY CLEANERS MAYFAIR CENTRE 3147 Douglas St. OAK BAY 2174 Oak Bay Ave. LANGFORD 606 Goldstream Ave. FAIRFIELD 1010 Cook St.</p>		
<p>Merry Christmas Best wishes from the Management and Staff at UNCLE FRED'S CHICKEN ON THE RUN Craigflower-Langford</p>	<p>A Special Christmas Greeting May this Christmas Season be a time of great rejoicing for all our wonderful friends, and the people we serve. Vern Leon and Staff VICTORIA TIRE 610 Herald St.-1623 Hillside Ave.</p>	<p>Merry Christmas To all our customers and students — best wishes for the Season, from the Teachers and Staff of TEMPO TREND STUDIOS 410 Burnside East</p>	<p>Christmas Greetings May the true meaning of Christmas be shared by our friends and our many clients. Compliments of the season from our management and staff. NANAIMO REALTY (Formerly Olympic Realty) (Victoria) LTD. 493 Burnside</p>		
<p>Best Wishes We're delighted to have this opportunity to send the season's best wishes to all our many customers and friends, from the management and staff, at FARMERS AND MERCHANTS TRUST CO. 731 Fort St. 388-9172</p>			<p>Christmas Greetings Warmest wishes ever... to our friends near and far, and the many people we have had the privilege of serving. We wish you a truly merry Christmas. KNOWLES REALTY and Staff 895 Fort St. 384-8107</p>		
<p>JOY TO THE WORLD This is our friendly message of holiday cheer, wished for all our friends and clients. May you have a merry, happy holiday. Les Baker and Terry Smollett CANADA TRUST CO. Real Estate Department</p>			<p>PEACE Give of yourself... love, peace and understanding. It's a holiday for sharing bountiful blessings. THE SANDS FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES</p>		

A Christmas Legend

In Mexico, they say the poinsettia came from the tears of a little girl. She cried because she had no gift to offer the Child Jesus. As she rose from her knees, the most gorgeous crimson blooms sprang up at her feet. She plucked the branches, and laid them beside the Nativity scene in the Chapel . . . a gift of love.

This Christmas — we hope poinsettias blaze with love in your heart.

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\$332.3M SAVING 'ONLY ON PAPER'

TORONTO (CP)—A government saving of \$332.3 million announced last Thursday by Jean Chretien, president of the treasury board, existed only "on paper" and involved a loan "that wasn't going to be made anyway," according to The Globe and Mail.

The front-page story by Ottawa correspondent William Johnson recalled that in Chretien's Commons speech on over-all government expenditure reductions, he listed as the largest single cut a reduction of \$332.3 million in direct government financing to Canadian National Railways.

"But CN officials have never heard of the \$332.3 million that Chretien promised the government will not lend them," the story adds.

It quotes David Todd, CN manager of news services, as saying that only once in the last 10 years has the government lent money to CN. That was a \$135-million loan earlier this year. Todd said that CN plans to raise next year's money on its own, without turning to the government for a loan. "In keeping with the philosophy of CN president R. A. Bandeen."

Neither Chretien nor Todd were available Tuesday night for comment on the report.

Key Aides Named By Socred Cabinet

19-Vote Recount For Dave

A judicial recount was requested today in the Coquitlam riding where Socred George Kerster defeated former Premier Dave Barrett by 19 votes.

Barrett said this morning he was advised by a party official that a recount should be sought and he planned to put forward the formal request sometime today.

Final count in Coquitlam was completed Tuesday and cut Barrett's margin of defeat to 19 votes. On election night Barrett trailed by 167 and a recount trimmed that loss to 131.

The final standings gave Kerster 18,660; Barrett 18,641; Liberal Tom Osborne 1,655; Independent Bernard Stoelele 95; Independent Larry Johnson 74; Communist Christine Beynon 62; and Alan Levinson, North American Labor Party, 17.

Barrett said he didn't know how long the recount would take but he hoped it would happen as quickly as possible.

He told reporters at his home that he's made no other plans regarding his future. If the recount doesn't change the result of the vote, Barrett and the NDP will face a decision of whether to run him in a byelection or whether to have a leadership race.

Indications are that the party is split on the future of Barrett's leadership.

But today the former premier said only that he hopes to enjoy uninterrupted Christmas holidays with his family.

He said he's catching up on his chores "like cleaning the house."

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WORDPLAY



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NEXT PAPER ON SATURDAY

The Times will not publish Christmas Day or Boxing Day. The next publishing day will be Saturday.

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ANGOLA WARNING BY U.S.

Detente in Danger

Times News Services

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is warning Russia and Cuba to get out of Angola or face U.S. resistance and possibly the end of detente.

But at a news conference Tuesday, Kissinger — who was largely responsible for creating better U.S. relations with both Moscow and Havana — left speculation what he meant by resistance and the future of detente.

"Unless the Soviet Union shows restraint in its foreign policy actions, the situation in

our relationship is bound to become more tense," he said. "And there is no question the United States will not accept Soviet military expansion of any kind."

"If the Soviet Union continues action such as Angol we will, without any question, resist."

He did not elaborate, but made it clear he was not talking about the use of U.S. troops.

The Soviets are backing one of three factions in a civil war with military and financial aid, and Cuba has sent several thousand troops. The United States secretly funneled an estimated \$60 million to the other two factions.

As for detente with Russia, Kissinger said, "there is no question our over-all relationship will suffer if we do not find an adequate solution to the Angolan problem. What it will suffer and in what ways I am not prepared to say."

But he hinted that his trip to Moscow next month to talk about a second-stage arms limitation agreement may be jeopardized.

On Cuba, Kissinger said the United States "will not continue the process of normalization (of relations) until all Cuban forces return to Cuba."

He denied the concern of U.S. Congress that approving "trial shipments" of goods to Vietnam would lead to a Vietnam situation which cost \$150 billion and the commitment of 500,000 U.S. troops.

He said all the United States wants in Angola is withdrawal of all outside forces — Soviet, Cuban and South African — and has no objection to the Soviet-backed popular movement for the liberation of Angola "as long as it is an African organization."

"The issue is not whether the country of Angola represents a vital interest to the United States," he said. "The issue is whether the Soviet Union, backed by a Cuban expeditionary force, can impose on two-thirds of the population (of Angola) its own brand of government."



WHITE CHRISTMAS will be enjoyed by these tobogganers in Ottawa but Victorians are in for a wet Christmas. The weather office predicts Christmas

Day will begin with showers with the sun breaking through at intervals during the afternoon. Boxing Day will be mild.

Mair Wants Big B.C. Deficit Charge Extension On Freeze 'Misleading' — Eliesen

OTTAWA (CP) — British Columbia's new Social Credit consumer services minister says he will recommend that the provincial government continue a price freeze on food, except produce, and most essential goods and services until Feb. 16.

Rate Mair was commenting here after meeting with Finance Minister Donald Macdonald and other federal ministers to discuss the government's anti-inflation program.

The NDP government originally announced the price freeze.

Barrett announced a 90-day freeze on all food items, plus essential goods and services, in October. He said during the election campaign it would be extended to Feb. 16.

Former NDP cabinet planning adviser Marc Eliesen said Tuesday allegations by a civil servant that B.C. will have a \$324.3 million deficit are "clearly erroneous and misleading."

The figures were presented Tuesday by Bill Stow, third senior man in the finance department.

Eliesen said he would make no personal comments about Stow or his motives for making a lengthy financial statement to the press but added that his lawyer is looking into comments Stow made about him.

New Finance Minister Evan Wolfson said Stow's ac-

tions were "irresponsible" and he has already had a meeting with Deputy Finance Minister Gerry Bryson to discuss the situation.

Wolfe would not comment on whether Stow might be fired or reprimanded for his action and said Bryson would be responsible for making recommendations on how to deal with the matter.

"But I don't like the inference of lack of responsibility by other people in the department... it's a fair because the responsible people are at the political level," he said.

Wolfe said "it's obvious that different interpretations could be placed on them (the figures) and that's why we want an independent inquiry."

Stow's (two-hour) discussion with reporters ended with the civil servant's charge that the government faces a long-run deficit of \$324.3 million.

His figures disputed the statement made last week by outgoing finance minister Dave Stupich who said the province is facing a further \$40 million deficit in the next government budget.

Stupich's most updated estimate showed expenditures of \$3.105 billion and revenue of \$3.065 billion at the end of the year for a deficit of \$40 million.

Stow said his forecasts show

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SANTA JAILED

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Santa Claus was locked up for allegedly trying to take instead of give.

Edwin Towle, 22, a Hare Krishna monk, was charged Tuesday with obtaining money under false pretenses and collecting in a public place.

San Mateo County sheriff's deputies said Towle, dressed in a Santa Claus outfit, was asking for donations at San Francisco International Airport.

Murdered Diplomat CIA Man

ATHENS (AP) — Greek police put extra guards today on all United States diplomats in Athens following the assassination of a U.S. embassy staff member identified by Washington sources as the chief CIA agent in Greece.

Richard Welch, slain by a gunman in Athens as he returned home from a Christmas party, was the chief agent for the CIA in Greece, sources said.

Welch had been linked to the CIA by an Athens newspaper as well as by a U.S. publication critical of intelligence activities.

U.S. intelligence officials for months have warned that public disclosures about CIA operations and personnel might lead to drastic consequences.

Three masked gunmen killed Welch in a 30-second assassination Tuesday that police called a "very professional job."

Osmiroid Pen, Health and Time High on Santa's List

Big ones, small ones, plain ones, fancy ones, useful ones, useless ones — we've been frantically buying them for weeks and tonight, if we haven't already done so, we'll be wrapping them in absurdly expensive paper which will soon be ripped to shreds.

They're called Christmas gifts and they're as much a part of this holiday season as the tree, the turkey, carols and all the rest.

Mostly they're exchanged between family members and

close friends, but did you ever wonder what other people would like to receive for Christmas?

The Times did, and decided to find out by calling a number of people, both nationally-known personalities and local residents.

Many of them were already away on vacation and couldn't be contacted, but here are the replies we did receive:

Pierre Berton pondered the question. I've got eight children and they've been pestering

me to find out what I want but I haven't been able to tell them.

"I suppose I would want good health and a family home — but I've both of those."

Berton reflected, then said: "I guess there is one thing though — a good Osmiroid pen."

What's that? Well, he explained, it's a hard-nibbed pen for italic-style writing. And no, it's not going to be used for another book.

For Victoria Symphony Orchestra maestro Laszlo Gatti, a lifelong fascination with sophisticated electric trains would be realized if he found one under the tree this Christmas.

"Along with it, of course, I would like a gift of time to play with it," he says.

This particular wish reflects the mechanical engineering interest that pre-dated his choice of a musical career.

Christmas just happens to be another day in the home of

radio-journalist Barbara Frum and her husband. What would she like? "A robot to clean my house... or maybe a pair of waterproof boots."

She's very practical, she said. She hates diamonds. She loathes mink. Fancy cars don't turn her on, either.

The truth is she and her husband don't celebrate Christmas. One reason is they are both Jewish. Another is they think Christmas is too commercial. They never exchange gifts.

"We tried 15 years ago. My husband gave me a slip and I gave him a set of cuff links."

When she discovered what her husband paid for the gift she hit the roof. "It was insanely overpriced." They gave up the Christmas habit then and there.

Jim Pattison, president of Neenex International Ltd. who has just a few days left of the Great Dane for Christmas.

The dog should be at least three feet high at the shoulder



"Santa" Fred Weir over weather ship



Bob Gray, Lee Rogers prepare cargo

Flying Santa jettisons Christmas mail

for wave-tossed men of the weather ship Vancouver

Splashdown at Station Papa

By PAT DUFOUR
Times Staff

It was a grey day — the shortest of the year — when Santa made his Christmas call on the Canadian coast guard weather ship Vancouver, 807 miles out in the Pacific Ocean.

The day was Sunday. The 40-knot sou'westerly whipped the waves to angry heights, white spume streaming from them. The wind bounced the 405-foot ship like a baby as she nosed into the wind.

There were no sleigh bells, no reindeer and no fast-moving sleigh.

Santa was Major Fred Weir, captain of crew VI, VP 407 squadron, of CFB Comox.

His sleigh was the Argus long-range patrol aircraft 10711, his helpers the 14 other men that make up the crew.

Officially, it was a routine 14-hour patrol. Unofficially, the men aboard the Argus knew that, for the 70 persons aboard the ship beneath them, it was the highlight of the watch they're keeping which won't end until they return Jan. 15.

Aboard the Argus, as we bucked the wind on our way to Station Papa, lead observer MWO Joe McCaffrey, helped by two other observers, Master Cpl. Bob Gray and Master Cpl. Lee Rogers, readied that portion of Santa's sack that would be dropped in the water, close to the ship's heaving hull.

Two fibreglass containers were wrapped around and around with masking tape. Reflector tape for easier spotting was applied. Streamers were added for easier identification in the troughs of the waves.

One of the men took a grease pencil and added the phrase "Do Not Open Until Dec. 25." His pal topped him with "First Class Air Mail!"

The day was fading and the greys grew deeper as we drew up to where Vancouver was standing her watch. Another pilot, Capt. Dave Keary, took over the controls.

Down through a hatch went one canister, accompanied by a smoke cannister

to help the men aboard Vancouver keep an eye on it. They hit the water about 150 yards ahead of the ship.

Vancouver's master, Capt. John Strand, turned the ship 60 degrees so that the precious canister could be scooped up with a grappling hook.

Kerry made turn and turn again around the ship, bobbing the aircraft in 45 degree turns. Sometimes one tip of the wing was only 160 yards from the sea.

Two observers in the stern of the aircraft waved to the men on the ship's deck as they kept an eye on a photographer, seated tied to a seat at an open hatch.

Finally, Kerry positioned the plane for a second drop. This time it took a little

longer for the men aboard to retrieve it. The grappling hook was their only chance. The seas were too rough to launch the ship's Zodiac rubber inflatable.

As the Argus hovered above, a message was sent to the ship, wishing a Royal Canadian Sea Cadet aboard — PO2 Duane Weekes of Moose Jaw, Sask. a happy — if heaving-holiday.

Forty-five minutes after she came up on the Camself the Argus' Christmas mission was over. With a final salute she turned and went back on patrol.

Aboard, we could see men clustered around the two canisters.

The Argus patrol knows Station Papa well and the weatherships that wait out

their watch in that 10-square mile grid of desolate ocean.

They've dropped canisters for the ship before. But these were different. Normally, the Christmas drop consists mainly of newspapers, with the odd bottle of cheer donated by the squadron.

This time the most important item on Santa's list were letters from home.

Mrs. Raye Pinder, wife of the ship's supply officer, George Pinder, was responsible for the special air drop.

When Vancouver relieved her sister ship, Quadra, on Station Papa, the Quadra brought back a seaman who was taken sick aboard Vancouver. Pinder took the opportunity to send home a letter aboard Quadra, asking

his wife to arrange the letter air express.

Things started to move. The coast guard enlisted the help of the Pacific Rescue Co-ordination Centre at CFB Esquimalt. The Santa Special was arranged.

The Pinders have three children, aged two, three and four. He is typical of those who stand watch on Station Papa. Pinder has served seven years aboard Vancouver. Four of those Christmases he was on Station Papa.

"This (the letter drop) is such a boon to them," Mrs. Pinder said. "He has his Christmas out there and we have ours here. The letters are the only communication they have."

She added, "We're allowed

one message a week... 25 words or less... what can you say in 25 words?"

The Vancouver's galley is full of all the makings for a traditional Christmas feast and her crew is hoping for better luck than Quadra's when they stood watch last Dec. 25.

"They had to settle for wieners and beans," said MoT district manager Larry Slaght. "There was nothing else they could keep on the stove. It was stormy and they were involved in a search. The ship was bouncing around like you wouldn't believe."

SATURDAY: Life on the aging Argus long-range patrol aircraft and how their crews work to keep them flying.



Weathership Vancouver is sighted on lonely vigil 807 miles out into the Pacific

Knifed Man Won't Talk

Victoria police are mystified by the stabbing of a 21-year-old man in downtown Victoria noon Tuesday.

The victim, Russell Benjamin Mutter, 420 Skinner, isn't talking.

Mutter was discharged from Victoria General Hospital today after spending Tuesday in hospital for treatment of a stab wound to his stomach and another to his right thigh.

Victoria police said they received a report of the incident shortly after 12:30 p.m. when an employee of the British Public Schools Club, 1218 Langley, phoned to say a man had staggered into the second floor bar clutching his stomach and asking for assistance.

Bartender Tim Laxwell said he watched the man come up the stairs and "thought it was just another drunk."

The man approached Maxwell and said "Pardon me, I hate to put you out but could you phone me an ambulance please."

Maxwell said he asked the man what was wrong and he

stood back from the bar took his hand from his stomach and revealed "a slit up his gut."

The bartender said he noticed the man's pants had been cut and a deep wound inflicted on his thigh about six inches above the knee.

The man told Maxwell that someone had rolled him as he walked through the car park next door.

Police told the man's clothes were greasy, his hands and knuckles embedded with dirt and it appeared to him the victim had been laying for a time on the ground.

While another employee called for an ambulance, Maxwell gave the man a shot of rum.

"The man just sat there. He looked white, shocked and kept saying he'd been nailed in the parking lot."

When the ambulance arrived the man got up and walked down the stairs.

"This is getting as bad here as Vancouver," Maxwell said. "And that I don't like."

Laverty Launches Appeal

Dennis Grant Laverty will go to the B.C. Court of Appeal in Vancouver Jan. 8 to appeal his conviction last summer of possession of two pounds of methamphetamine (speed) for the purpose of trafficking.

Laverty, formerly of Victoria, was found guilty in county court July 24 and sentenced July 30 to seven years in penitentiary.

Police told court that two pounds of speed mixed with 15 pounds of dextrose would enable the material to be sold in "papers" for an ultimate value of \$304,640, although Laverty apparently paid Robert Drainville of Montreal \$7,000 for two pounds.

Laverty, 24, was charged June 6, 1974, after police seized five pounds of speed during and after a raid at the Century Hotel.

Drainville, who testified for the Crown against Laverty, was also arrested and faced two charges but these were waived to Montreal.

Poor People 'Living in Fear' After Vander Zalm's Hard Talk

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

The poor of British Columbia are living in fear following a statement by new Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm that he will remove "employables" from the welfare rolls, the spokesman for the Victoria Community Action Group said today.

Sharon MacBain said politicians fail to realize the effect their words have on people who are already worried about whether they will have enough money for food and rent.

"This fear is particularly hard on the children of welfare families, who already have more than their share of insecurity."

She said it has been common practice down through history for the poor to be made scapegoats by politicians but it was unusual for it to happen in the Christmas season, the one time of year it is fashionable to help low-income people.

Glen Hamilton, registrar of the British Columbia Social

Workers Registration Act, said the only way to get able-bodied people off the welfare rolls is to improve economic conditions so they can find jobs.

"It does no good to hassle people if there is no work available," he said.

Hamilton, former executive director of the B.C. Association of Social Workers, said he hoped the new government will continue the present program which is designed to assist welfare people to go to work as soon as they are able to and when jobs become available.

He said he also hopes the new government will not confuse social work with policing matters. Giving aid to families in need is a task of social work while detecting welfare fraud is a police matter, he said.

But MacBain said the problem concerns the definition of who is an employable.

Removing employables is not the same as cutting off the cheaters. She said there are very few

welfare cheaters in British Columbia. Former Social Credit welfare minister Phil Gaglardi launched a crackdown and only found a handful among the thousands of welfare cases, she said, and a similar investigation by NDP human resources minister Norm Levy produced only about half a dozen cheaters.

"If there are suspected abuses of the welfare system, the people should be charged. If they are guilty, they should be cut off, no question."

Removing the so-called employables, however, is something else again, she said.

For example, when Vander Zalm launches his investigation, he will find the following cases listed among the employables:

A mother with three teenage children aged 19, 17 and 13.

A 42-year-old alcoholic who cannot carry on any conversation without getting angry and abusive.

A young man who doesn't know how to dress properly and collapses completely under any kind of pressure.

Vander Zalm won't find a certain 43-year-old nurse on the list, however, because she has just been removed, MacBain said.

The nurse had a back operation when she was 40 and, because she could no longer lift patients, she was asked to resign. She could find no other work and had a nervous breakdown.

A few weeks later she applied for welfare and was ruled to be an employable.

"There was no way she was employable. She couldn't lift

anything heavier than 10 pounds. She had no training for anything but nursing. Many firms don't hire people in their forties because of pension considerations."

She said it took three years of rebuffs from employers and several more nervous breakdowns before she was moved to the list of non-employables.

This meant she was entitled to \$249 per month instead of the "employable" rate of \$160, which carries with it the constant concern about being cut off at any time.

Meeting Called On Ambulances

Saanich council has called a special meeting for Dec. 29 to decide what to do when and if the municipality's firefighters withdraw their services from the ambulance system.

Council's fire committee met Tuesday with representatives of the firefighters' union and again turned down a request by the union to present its case before full council.

Union president Ken Ebbs-Canavan said the committee's decision leaves the firefighters no alternative but to withdraw the ambulance services. The decision on when to make the withdrawal will be made early in January, he said.

The firefighters are seeking to re-open their 1975 contract to bring their wages up to parity with Vancouver firemen. A Saanich fireman is now \$33 a month behind his Vancouver counterpart.

The Saanich force wants to achieve parity before negotiations start for the 1976 contract so it will not be kept

behind by the federal wage controls.

Ebbs-Canavan said all firefighters who have industrial first aid tickets up in January are being asked not to renew them.

The firefighters run the ambulance service, although the province is responsible for it financially. When the Saanich force refuses to perform ambulance duties, the province will have to take over the operation.

Ald. Joe Bourque, chairman of the fire committee, said today he saw little point in allowing the union a chance to speak at a full council meeting.

"The committee felt that as negotiations for the 1976 contract open next month, there would be little point in a meeting. We know their grievances," he said.

Bourque said the committee would make recommendations to special council meeting Dec. 29 on the future of ambulance service in Saanich.

'Bargain' Sentences on Jail Breaks

By DEREK SIDENIUS

Three men who took part in the 10-inmate breakout of Wilkeson Road jail Dec. 16 have learned the cost of their short-lived flight to freedom — four months in jail.

Judge D. K. McAdam in sentencing William Murray, 27, and Donald Thomson, 42, this morning and Lawrence Stanley Shisler, 33, on Tuesday, called the jail term the minimum he felt he could set.

However, there was general feeling in the courtroom and among the counsel for the accused the sentences were indeed "a bargain," as one lawyer put it.

A jail guard said Tuesday that when Shisler was returned to the lockup and told his fellow inmates what he'd got there were howls of laughter.

All three accused were on remand in custody awaiting trial. Murray and Thomson for drug conspiracy and Shisler for bank robbery, at the time of the mass escape.

Thomson told McAdam this morning he escaped because "inmates were tormenting me — calling me an old man" and that it was a chance to prove to them he wasn't.

"It all happened in a split second," said Thomson who

was picked up by police early last Wednesday and pleaded guilty to escape later that day.

He said he had nothing to do with organizing the breakout.

"I noticed a bunch of guys jumping through the window so I jumped through myself."

Prosecutor Nick Lang read out Thomson's record which dated back to 1952 and included four convictions for drug offences.

He also read out Murray's record which dates back to 1964 and includes three drug convictions.

Murray's lawyer, Harold Turnham said his client's problems all relate to his use of narcotics. He noted Murray had been caught the second day after the escape.

Judge D. K. McAdam said in sentencing Shisler there were two mitigating factors — first that Shisler was awaiting trial and not a sentenced prisoner and second he had been out only "a very short period of time."

Shisler was recaptured last Thursday, 40 hours after the escape, when he was discovered along with two other suspected escapees in the basement of a house at 1320 Coventry.

The other two men found, William Harold Mack, 27, and Gerald Paul Ritchie, 29, have pleaded not guilty to escape.

Both appeared in court Tuesday. Trial for Mack was set Jan. 27, while Ritchie, who elected trial by judge and jury, had his preliminary hearing set for March 22.

Prosecutor Peter Hull said Shisler had been the subject of a parole suspension following his arrest April 25 for robbing a Victoria bank the previous day. He was committed for trial Oct. 13.

Defence lawyer Douglas Christie said Shisler had been using the tranquilizer Tiunol the night of the escape and "wasn't thinking clearly."

"He came upon an open window breached by others," Christie said. "Although he understood what he was doing, he had no idea where he was going. He simply wanted out."

Also on Tuesday, Harold Wayne Pegoraro, 33, of 1320 Coventry, was charged with aiding Mack, Ritchie and Shisler and was remanded one week to get counsel.

Pegoraro was the third Victorian charged with being an accessory after the fact in connection with the escape.

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strate abilities. Aries, Libra figure in picture. Be aware of fine print — refuse to give up something for nothing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You get to heart of matters. You are able to act in more direct, independent manner. Leo, Aquarius could be involved. Accent on basic issues, on special services and unique communication with relative in transit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some of your natural talents, qualities are appreciated by those who took you for granted. Emphasis on personality, appearance, "magnetism." Change, travel, variety are featured. Aquarian surprises — sense of humor is essential.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Highlight versatility. Look beyond the immediate. Be aware of potential. Check calls, correspondence. Publishing opportunity could be in picture. Social activity is favored — Gemini, Sagittarius could be involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be thorough — highlight specifics. Do your homework. Restless associates, relatives may want to "jump the gun." Take care that you are not swept up into rush situation. You have right, perhaps even a duty, to be positive, responsible and certain of your policies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial aspects are analyzed. You may be called on to report, explain. Be open, willing and eager to learn. Gemini, Virgo persons could figure prominently. Accent is on valuables, possessions, collections and payments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're stronger than might be apparent on surface. Surprise element is present but is likely to work in your favor. Responsible individual, associated with property, wants to aid your cause. Be diplomatic, willing to make concessions which do not compromise principles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Perfect techniques. Avoid self-deception. Define terms. Study Scorpio message. What appeared a secret is going to be revealed — in surprising fashion. Behind story is spotlighted — more so than what is up front.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relationships are intensified. Nothing is apt to occur halfway — now it is all or nothing. Know it and don't play games. Chips are down, stakes are high — if you don't mean it, get away. Wish may be fulfilled in a very unorthodox manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You get chance to spread influence. You find that there is room for you at more elevated position. Much depends on your willingness to handle more responsibilities. One who makes "cutting remarks" is merely jesting. Know it and remain calm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You get "second chance." You can rectify past mistakes. You can write, advertise, distribute, publish. Pace may be slow, but you are making progress. Leo is likely to be in picture. Element of timing favors your efforts.

IF DEC. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you will rebound from setback that occurred only recently in financial, personal and professional areas. You come back strong — and September of 1976 will be your outstanding month. Aries, Libra persons play important roles in your life. You are personable, capable of being dramatic — and you constantly side with the underdog.

School Bus Injuries Only Minor

WINNIPEG (CP) — Fourteen children escaped serious injury Monday when a school bus and a transport truck collided in the northeast section of the city.

Winnipeg police said the children were taken to hospital and treated for minor cuts and bruises. The driver of the bus was also taken to hospital, but was not seriously injured.

Police said the accident occurred about 3:30 p.m. when a west-bound bus on Grassy Boulevard crossed in front of a flatbed transport truck heading north on Lacordiere Boulevard in the East Kildonan district.

Both vehicles suffered extensive damage and ended up in a ditch near the intersection, police said. Ambulances called to the scene took five children to Concordia Hospital and nine to St. Boniface General Hospital.

RANGERS CALL WINGER — NEW YORK (AP) — New York Rangers have called up 21-year-old right winger Eddie Johnston from Providence Reds of the American Hockey League.

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